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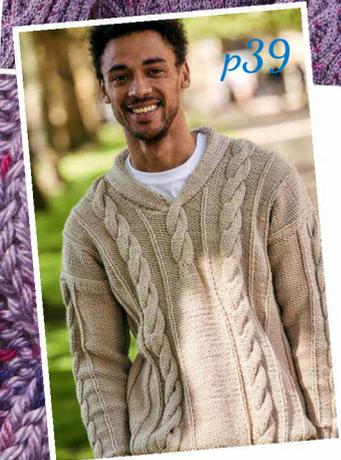
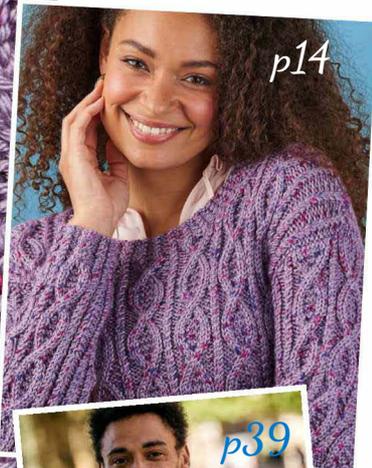




Kirstie McLeod,
Editor

Hello

Welcome to our cosy knitting corner where each project tells a story of creativity...



Our second autumn issue delivers projects to inspire your needles through the cooler months. First our **classic cable jumper** offers timeless elegance, while the **monster jumper** brings Halloween fun for kids. We are especially excited to introduce the first part of our **Christmas blanket knit-along, 'Count the Days,'** a project that promises to become a cherished holiday tradition. For the men in your life, our **shawl-collared jumper** provides a stylish and warm option. Add a pop of colour to your home with the vibrant **macaw hoop wall hanging**, and embrace heritage style with a modern twist with our **tartan jumper pattern**. Whether you are knitting gifts or crafting for yourself, we hope we bring you beautiful patterns filled with joy!



The SK Team x

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OUR GIFTS TO YOU THIS MONTH!

Pretty fairies and fairy house pattern book

In this issue of *Simply Knitting* magazine, we're thrilled to share a brilliantly unique gift to elevate your knitting mojo! Our charming extra pattern book is filled with enchanting designs by knitting genius, Sachiyo Ishii. It includes a fairy house pattern, four adorable fairy patterns, and flower patterns too. These captivating creations are sure to add a touch of magic to your knitting journey this month, not to mention make great gifts for your loved ones.



THIS ISSUE'S UNMISSABLE TREATS!

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Charming extra pattern collection
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Christmas knits extra pattern book

Celebrate the holiday season with our special gift! Inside our extra pattern book featuring delightful Christmas knitting patterns you'll find festive homewares, decorations and more, with plenty of inspiration for your holiday projects.



Christmas tree ornament patterns

Enjoy our extra collection of vintage-style tree decoration patterns next issue. They are super cute, easy to make and perfect for festive décor, or as a handmade gift for family and friends. Get creative and spread holiday cheer this 2024. Happy Christmas knitting!



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www.sirdar.com



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What I'm loving...

...practical ball winders, neon-pop sleep sacks, colourful sock yarn, gorgeous variegated DK yarn and handy books!

Bernat Rainbow Snuggle Sack Pattern

Squishy Bernat Blanket Brights Super Chunky yarn knits up into this wonderful Snuggle Sack pattern. Make it in your little's favourite colour for a cosy hideaway designed to fit kids 4 to 10 years.

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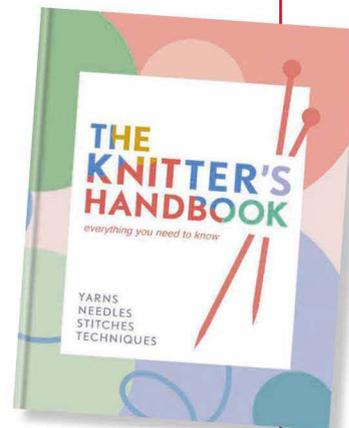
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HAVE A CRACKING CHRISTMAS!

It's never too early to start knitting for Christmas, and we're sure these gorgeous festive knit kit (from £16.99) will soon have you on your way! Wool Couture's Nutcracker Collection comes with patterns for sweet, squishy toys or ornaments, Christmas tree decorations, including a stocking, tree and heart, each decorated with fine gold thread. You'll also find a plush mini cushion with a nutcracker doll's face, complete with impressive moustache and beard. This range has been designed in a modern combination of colours, from smart red and blue to pure ivory and fine gold trim. www.woolcouturecompany.com



We love

Knit a mini farmyard

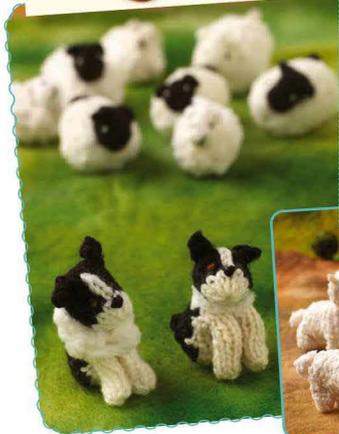
**Top
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Create the tiniest farm we've ever seen with this fun-filled new book by Sachiyo Ishii...



Knit 20 tiny, adorable farmyard favourites, from cheeky piglets and bustling chickens to a loyal sheepdog and your very own scarecrow. This endearing collection from best-selling knitting author Sachiyo Ishii is a great source of playful patterns, perfect for presents or playthings, and is a fantastic way to use up your yarn stash. Complete with step-by-step sewing up, stuffing and embroidery techniques, these 20 fun, simple patterns are ideal for knitters of all skill levels.

Paperback £8.99, Search Press



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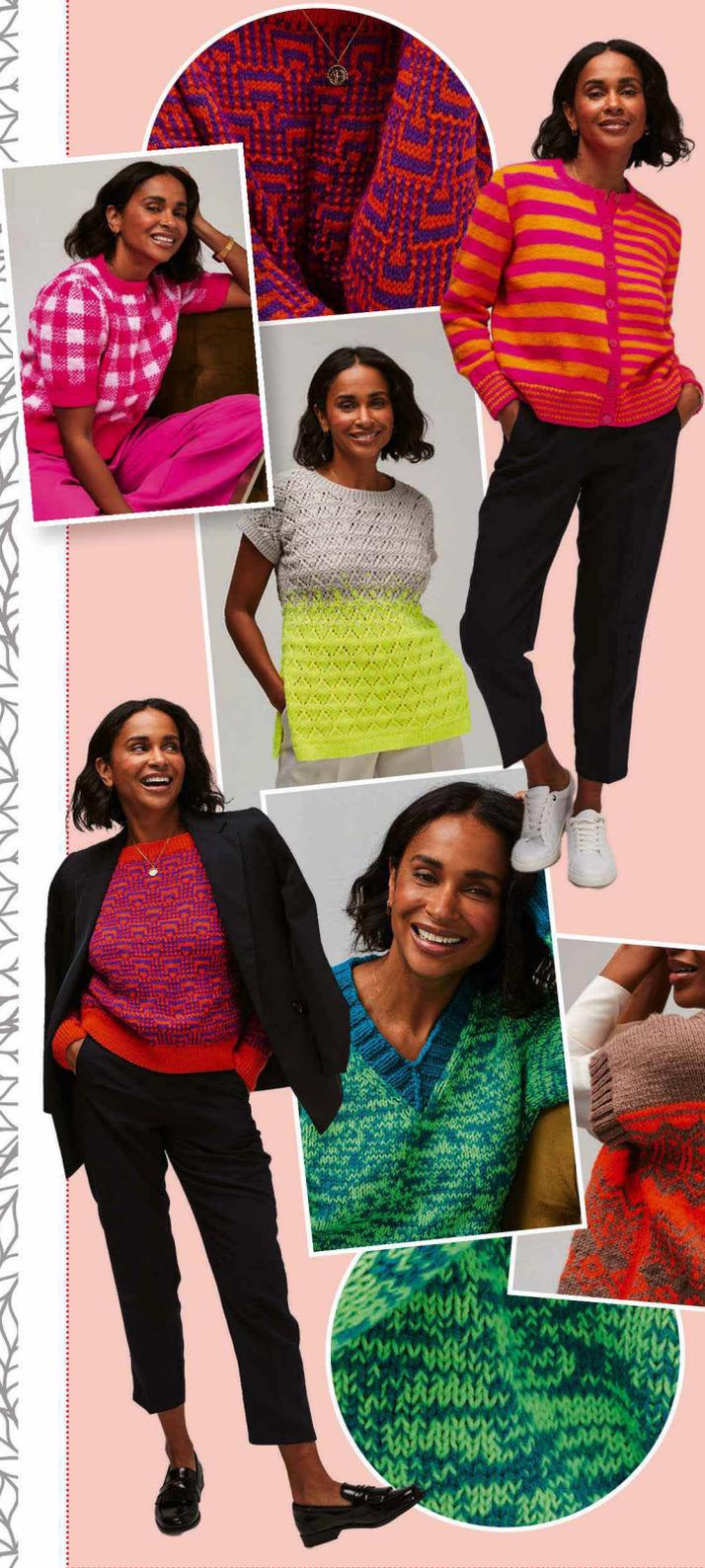
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Modern colour work!

Nice and neon

Boost your everyday wardrobe with a splash of colour that can't be missed! Sirdar's two-tone neon pattern collection merges pairs of shades, one muted, one bright, to create the ultimate modern-classical garments. A loose-fit tank top, neat T-shirt, funky tunic, striped cardigan and V-neck and crew-neck jumpers round up this stunning selection of great knits. Knit them all in budget friendly Hayfield Bonus DK (yarn £3 for 100g, (printed patterns £11.95). For stockists contact www.sirdar.com or call 01924 371501



Cosy like Bambi...

Make the ultimate, warm blanket for your favourite little people

Enjoy the softness of a blanket designed for expert snuggling! West Yorkshire Spinners Bambi Blanket Kit contains all the yarn you need plus an easy-to-follow pattern. Designed in West Yorkshire Spinners Bo Peep DK, a lightweight blend of Falklands Islands Wool, this wonderful blanket is guaranteed to please whoever gets lucky enough to use it. Kit £38.75, www.wyspinners.com



SIMPLY NATURAL

New book 'Simply Natural Knits,' by Karen Miller and Susan Ritchie of Mrs Moon, showcases the authors' years of experience, and proves how effortlessly one can knit stylish and relaxed garments, accessories and home decor items. Inside the book you'll find numerous projects for you, your home, and your family, including a cosy Sloppy Joe sweater that's sure to become a beloved wardrobe essential, a brioche scarf featuring a wonderfully easy stitch pattern, and a zigzag-stripe throw in luscious colours. You'll also find a textured bolster, an adorably floppy bunny, and a charming baby beanie. Regardless of your knitting skill level, 'Simple Natural Knits' has got you covered. £14.99, available from good book shops and online



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Celebrate the start of a new season with a classic cable jumper in the prettiest tweed-effect yarn. By **Siân Brown**



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YOU WILL NEED

- Caron Simply Soft Speckle Aran (100% acrylic, 141g/215m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A 4mm circular needle, 80-100cm long
- A 5mm circular needle, 80-100cm long
- Cable needle
- Stitch holder

TENSION

22 sts and 24 rows to 10cm (4in) square over pattern (cable and cable rib) on 5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- T3B** Place next st on a cable needle and hold at back of work, K2, then P1 from cable needle
- T3F** Place next 2 sts on a cable needle and hold at front of work,

- P1, then K2 from cable needle
- C3B** Place next st on a cable needle and hold at back of work, K2, then K1 from cable needle
- C3F** Place next 2 sts on a cable needle and hold at front of work, K1, then K2 from cable needle
- C2B** Place next st on a cable needle and hold at back of work, K1, then K1 from cable needle
- C4B** Place next 2 sts on a cable needle and hold at back of work, K2, then K2 from cable needle

For a full list see page 79

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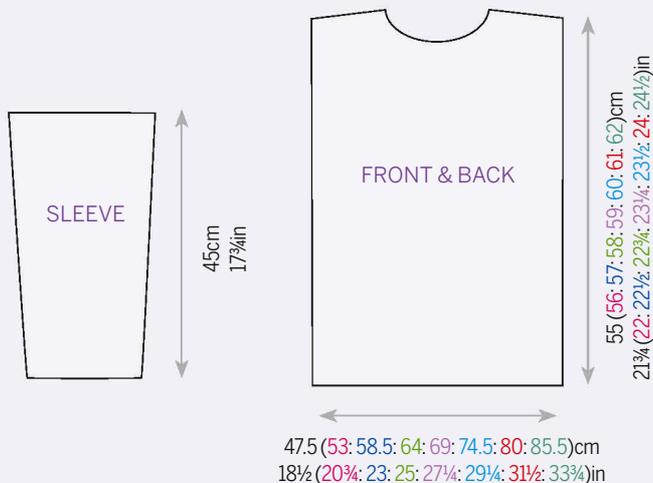
Wool Warehouse are offering 10% off Caron Simply Soft Speckle Aran! Quote code SK255 when you order on 0800 505 3300 or at www.woolwarehouse.co.uk. Offer ends 16 Oct 2024.

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists contact Readicut on 0116 2713759 or www.readicut.co.uk

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CABLE JUMPER CHART (WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS)

- Row 1 (RS)** P3, C4B, P3, C2B.
- Row 2 (WS)** P2, K3, P4, K3.
- Row 3** P2, C3B, C3F, P2, C2B.
- Row 4** (P2, K2) 3 times.
- Row 5** P1, C3B, K2, C3F, P1, C2B.
- Row 6** P2, K1, P2, K4, P2, K1.
- Row 7** P1, K8, P1, C2B.
- Rows 8 and 9** As Rows 6 and 7.
- Row 10** As Row 6.
- Row 11** P1, T3F, K2, T3B, P1, C2B.
- Row 12** As Row 4.
- Row 13** P2, T3F, T3B, P2, C2B.
- Row 14** As Row 2.

These 14 rows form the Cable panel and are repeated throughout.

BACK

- Cast on** 106 (118: 130: 142: 154: 166: 178: 190) sts using 4mm needles.
- Rib row 1** (P2, K2) 3 times, *P3, K4, P3, K2; rep from * to last 10 sts, P2, (K2, P2) twice.
- Rib row 2** (K2, P2) twice, K2, *P2, K3, P4, K3; rep from * to last 12 sts, (P2, K2) 3 times.
- Rib row 3** (P2, C2B) 3 times, *P3, C4B, P3, C2B; rep from * to last 10 sts, P2, (C2B, P2) twice.
- Rib row 4** As Rib Row 2.
- Rib row 5** (P2, C2B) 3 times, *P3, K4, P3, C2B; rep from * to last 10



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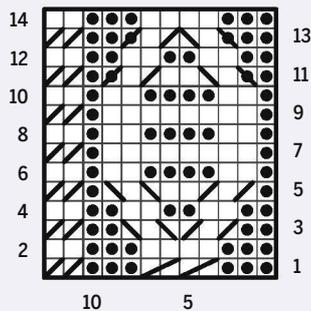
SIZE		8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30	32-34	36-38
TO FIT BUST	cm	82-86	92-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
ACTUAL BUST	cm	94.5	105.5	116.5	127.5	138	149	160	171
	in	37¼	41½	45¾	50¾	54¾	58¾	63	67¼
LENGTH	cm	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62
	in	21¾	22	22½	22¾	23¼	23½	24	24½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
	in	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
YARN		Caron Simply Soft Speckle Aran (141g/215m)							
Snapdragon (61015)		5	5	6	7	7	8	8	9

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting.

CHART



KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
- C4B
- C2B
- C3B
- C3F
- T3F
- T3B



"In sizes 8 to 38, this is a knit for everyone, and the cabling creates such a flattering fit. Caron Simply Soft comes in nine tweedy shades, so pick your favourite!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



sts, P2, (C2B, P2) twice.
Rib row 6 As Rib Row 2.
Rib rows 7 to 10 As rib rows 3 to 6.

Change to 5mm needles.

SET CHART PANEL

Row 1 (RS) (P2, C2B) 3 times, *work Row 1 of Chart; rep from * to last 10 sts, P2, (C2B, P2) twice.
Row 2 (WS) (K2, P2) twice, K2, *work Row 2 of Chart; rep from * to last 12 sts, (P2, K2) 3 times.

STEP-BY-STEP SKPO SLIP 1, KNIT 1, PASS SLIPPED STITCH OVER



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if to knit, but instead slip the stitch on to the right-hand needle.



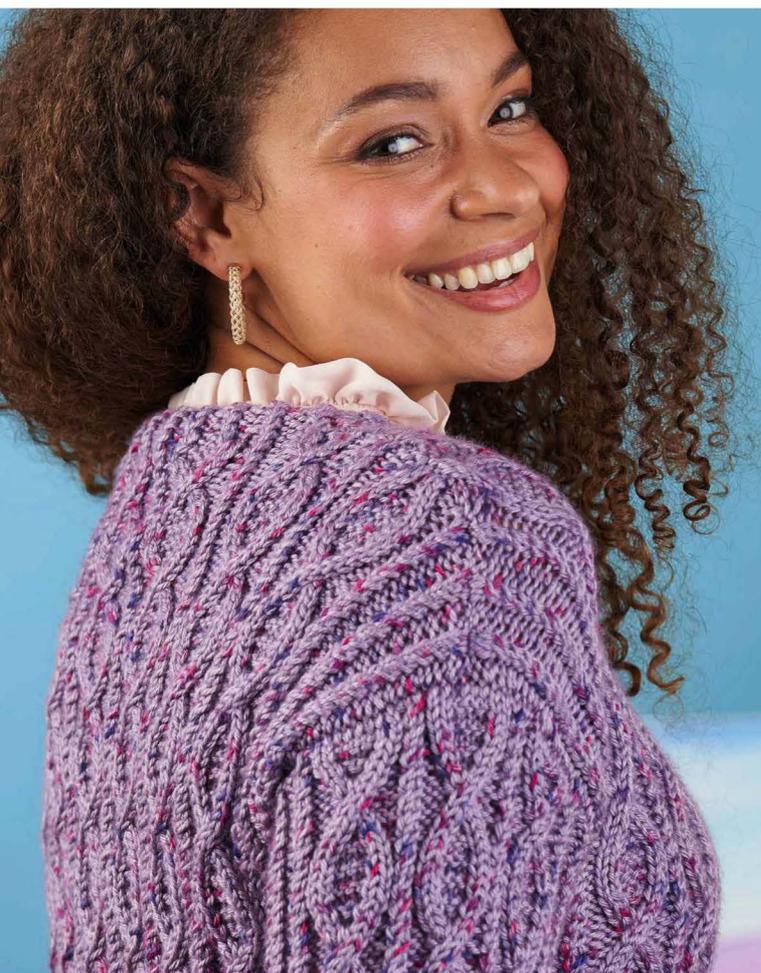
2 Knit the next stitch as normal.



3 Insert the point of the left-hand needle into the slipped stitch on the right-hand needle and lift it over the knitted stitch.



4 Continue knitting as directed in the pattern. This decrease forms a slant that slopes towards the left.



These 2 rows set the Chart panels with rib either side. Work in patt as set, working Rows 3 to 14 of Chart, and then repeating Rows 1 to 14 of Chart until Back measures 55 (56: 57: 58: 59: 60: 61: 62)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts at beg of next 10 rows.
Cast off rem 46 (48: 50: 52: 54: 56: 58: 60) sts.

FRONT

Work as given for Back until Front measures 47 (48: 49: 50: 51: 52: 53: 54)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE LEFT NECK

Next row (RS) Patt 37 (42: 47: 52: 57: 62: 67: 72) sts, skpo, turn and work on these 38 (43: 48: 53: 58: 63: 68: 73) sts for first side of neck.

Next row (WS) P2togtbl, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]

Next row Patt to last 2 sts, skpo. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 3 times.

[30 (35: 40: 45: 50: 55: 60: 65) sts]

Work straight until Front measures the same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge.

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts at beg of next row and 3 foll RS rows. [6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts]

Patt 1 row.

Cast off rem sts.

With RS facing place centre 28 (30: 32: 34: 36: 38: 40: 42) sts on a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts, k2tog, patt to end.

[38 (43: 48: 53: 58: 63: 68: 73) sts]

Next row (WS) Patt to last 2 sts, p2tog. [1 st dec'd]

Next row (RS) K2tog, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 3 times.

[30 (35: 40: 45: 50: 55: 60: 65) sts]

Work straight until Front measures the same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge.

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts at beg of next row and 3 foll WS rows. [6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts]

Patt 1 row.

Cast off rem sts.

SLEEVES

Cast on 58 (58: 70: 70: 82: 82: 94: 94) sts using 4mm needles.

Work 10 rows of Rib as for Back.

Change to 5mm needles.

SET CHART

Row 1 (RS) (P2, C2B) 3 times, *work Row 1 of Chart; rep from * to last 10 sts, P2, (C2B, P2) twice.

Row 2 (WS) (K2, P2) twice, K2, *work Row 2 of Chart; rep from * to last 12 sts, (P2, K2) 3 times.

These 2 rows set the Chart panels with rib either side.

Work 2 more rows, working Rows 3 and 4 of Chart.

Cont working Chart as set, working Rows 5 to 14, then repeating Rows 1 to 14, AT THE SAME TIME inc 1 st at each end of the next row and 11 foll 8th rows. [82 (82: 94: 94: 106: 106: 118: 118) sts]

Cont straight until Sleeve measures 45cm from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 10 (10: 12: 12: 14: 14: 16: 16) rows. [22 sts].

Cast off.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam.

With RS facing, using 5mm needles, pick up and K24 sts down left side of front neck, K28 (30: 32: 34: 36: 38: 40: 42) sts from front neck holder, pick up and K24 sts up right side of front neck, pick up and K46 (48: 50: 52: 54: 56: 58: 60) sts from back neck edge. [122 (126: 130: 134: 138: 142: 146: 150) sts]

Rib row 1 K2, (P2, K2) to end.

Rib row 2 P2, (C2B, P2) to end.

Rep last 2 rows once more.

Change to 4mm needles.

Cont in rib as set for 3 more rows.

Cast off in patt.

MAKING UP

Join the left shoulder and neckband seam. Sew on the Sleeves. Join side and Sleeve seams. Block gently, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.



GET THE LOOK! Team your knit with the latest trends

The simple lines of this tailored coat pulls everything together
Cotton Traders £65

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Book of the month



AARDMAN™

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Dive into fleecy fun with this exciting Shaun the Sheep pattern book!

Renowned designer and author Sachiyo Ishii invites knitters to bring the beloved world of Shaun the Sheep to life in her latest release, 'Shaun the Sheep: Baa'rilliant Knits', hitting shelves in August 2024. Shaun the Sheep, first captured hearts in the 1995 Wallace & Gromit film 'A Close Shave.' Now a global superstar with fans in 170 countries, Shaun is making his knitting debut with this charming collection featuring patterns for Shaun and nine of his friends.

The gang's all here

Designed for confident knitters, 'Shaun the Sheep: Baa'rilliant Knits' offers two delightful versions of Shaun: one with a Santa hat and paper chain from 'Shaun the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas,' and another with a baker's hat and pizza from the Series 6 episode 'Baa-gherita.' Joining Shaun in this woolly adventure are Timmy and Timmy's Mum, Shirley (the fluffiest member of the gang), the mischievous Twins, The Farmer and his loyal canine sidekick Bitzer, a Naughty Pig, Mower Mouth (the voracious goat), and Raul, one of the notorious llamas from 'Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas' special.

Knitting for the fans

Sachiyo provides essential techniques and stitches, along with clear step-by-step construction guides. Fans of Shaun the Sheep will delight in the adorable knitted characters and stills from Shaun's films and TV series episodes. The pairing of Shaun the Sheep characters with the knitting medium is perfect – the creations are cosy, nostalgic and exude a charming countryside flair. Now, knitting enthusiasts can create their own versions of Shaun and his friends with this exciting new release.

Title: 'Shaun The Sheep Baa'rilliant Knits'

By: Sachiyo Ishii

Publisher: Search Press, £14.99



Kirstie McLeod
Editor

Stay in touch!

I love seeing what you've been doing, drop me a line with all your latest news



Denise's sweet, sweated-up toys are plump and colourful!

TOTALLY TOYS

I've been knitting the Knit-A-Teddy patterns and I'm having so much fun with them. I make sure each gets his own sweater (except for the sheep who has his own wool sweater!). My granddaughter has the Koala Bear (pink and purple was her request)! I've made animals for me, my granddaughter and my daughter so far.

Denise Patternson

These wonderful toys are so well proportioned, and stuffed perfectly, Denise (which can be tricky to get right). I hope your family are enjoying them!



Top knitter Denise has already added a dog, koala, cat and sheep to her Knit-A-Teddy list

★ STAR LETTER ★

PERFECT PONCHOS

I've been knitting since I was a child, and I'm always very reluctant to throw away oddments of wool from finished projects. I've been stashing them all away over the years, convinced that one day I'd find the perfect way of using them up. After retiring last year I finally got round to looking through some patterns I'd also had for years and mostly forgotten about. The pattern for this poncho was my grandmothers and was originally intended to be worked in two colours. I tried working a colour change every two rows with a four-row single colour border and was thrilled with the result. I've now knitted several, with whatever oddments come out of my stash, and each one is original.

Pam Young

What a unique, inventive knit! We think your stashbusting ponchos are worthy of our top prize, Pam!



It's hard to believe that Pam's crochet-style stitch is actually knitting!

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Our star letter writer wins a fantastic gift voucher worth £50 from The Little Wool Company!

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WHAT'S TRENDING THIS MONTH

We always keep up with what our readers are making – this issue you're loving baby knits



BABY TREAT

Helen adapted this sweet little baby cardi from issue 249, using up oddments of yarn at the same time. She says they were easy to do and are for her craft stall.

© Helen Green

Pattern in issue 249



KEEP COSY

Knitted for her granddaughter, this baby blanket had over 200 stitches per row and took Hilary weeks of work to complete. It'll make the perfect topper for walks in the pram.

© Hilary Blair



ELMER'S HERE!

Susan recently knitted our Elmer jumper from issue 239 for her nephew who loves Elmer. She swapped up our original background shade to this pretty pale blue. She's pleased with the finished item, and we love it too!

© Susan Gray

Pattern in issue 239

★ YARN BOMBER OF THE MONTH ★

SEASIDE STITCHES

I was born and raised in a small seaside town called St Annes-on-Sea. A local community organisation called Relax St Annes-on-Sea has a Facebook page, which promotes good news, positivity and a sense of pride. They regularly showcase my toppers and I get lots of lovely comments. I decided to create this topper to say 'thank you' to them, hence the seaside theme. I enjoy creating these to make people smile as they pass the post box. Postmistress Janet says people often pop into the post office and comment on my latest one. It's my way of saying thank you to the community.

 **Adrienna Taylor**

Such a lovely thing to do, Adrienna!



Our letter writer wins a fab gift voucher from retailer Black Sheep Wools worth £25!



Take a trip to the post office in St Annes-on-Sea to enjoy Adrienna's colourful post box toppers

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FESTIVE THREADS

When I saw Amanda Berry's Nativity wreath in the booklet that came with a recent issue of *Simply Knitting* I wanted to make it. I am delighted with the result. I used Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK and Anchor Artiste Metallic for the wreath cover and yarn from my stash for the rest. It took me about a week to knit.

 **Catherine Thomas**

What a great knit, Catherine! It's such a cute little wreath, isn't it?



Catherine's wreath is Christmas ready!

Pattern
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★ SUBS STARS ★

Check your issue next month to see if you're a winner!

Every month, three subscribers win a prize as a thank you for their loyalty to *Simply Knitting*. This month, the winners (below) will each win a gorgeous knitting bag – perfect for storing your crafty stash, or for knitting on-the-go! Happy knitting!

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KNITTING BUBBLES

This is the bubble stitch tank top from the extra booklet that came with *Simply Knitting* 250. I knitted it for myself while in our van on the road travelling around the Czech Republic. It took about two weeks and was knitted in Sirdar Jewelspun, shade Midnight Sapphire. The pattern was great to knit and I made the tank top slightly longer than in the pattern.

 **Lou Pye**

We're huge fans of Sirdar Jewelspun, and you've chosen such a lovely shade. What a brilliant travel knit you've made Lou!



You'd never guess Lou's tank top was knitted while taking a break in the Czech Republic

Pattern
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250

BOOKWORM BONANZA

I do love reading but unfortunately being a busy Mum I don't always get the time to get lost in a good book. Recently, I made a decision that I would treat myself to something relaxing and start reading a good book (sorry nothing from The Booker Prize list!). One drawback to reading is that something (not my mobile phone) will inevitably distract me and I will return to find that I hadn't marked my page. Turning the corner down is only suitable for a school text book, a good novel deserves more respect. So I got the knitting needles out and produced the bookmarks below. I decided to make a few and have included the pattern for your readers:

Cast on 10 stitches.

Row 1 K1, P1 to end.

Row 2 P1, K1 to end.

Repeat Row 1 and Row 2 until approx 20cm (or to what length you like the bookmark to be). Decorate with buttons if you like.

 **Caroline Doherty**

Moss stitch, the stitch this bookmark is made from, is ideal for flat items, as it prevents the corners from curling in. We hope you manage to find a little more time for reading Caroline!



Quick little knits, such as Caroline's bookmarks, make great evening projects

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SOFT STRIPES

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EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Squeeze Me DK (100% polyester, 100g/200m)
1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Emerald Green (5610)
- Yarn B** Apple Green (5614)
- Yarn C** Carrot Orange (5605)
- Yarn D** Stem Ginger (5604)
- Yarn E** Golden Yellow (5618)
- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Stitch markers

TENSION

14 sts and 26 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using
4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Hat
Circumference 52cm (20½in)
Length 27cm (10¾in)

Scarf
Width 20cm (8in)
Length Approx 158cm (62¼in)

Fingerless mitts
Circumference 19cm (7½in)
Length 26cm (10¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

rib2tog Use k2tog or p2tog to keep rib correct

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft on 01495 239416 or www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Little Wool Shop
01495 239416 or www.littlewoolshop.com
- Our Little Craft Co
www.ourlittlecraft.co.uk



ACCESSORIES SET

Notes Cut off each yarn colour after use. Weave yarn ends in as you work to avoid sewing in multiple ends. Because Squeeze Me DK is a chenille yarn it is not suitable for sewing up, use a smooth yarn in a matching colour to sew the seams.

HAT

Cast on 95 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Row 2 P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form K1, P1 rib.

Cont in rib until work measures 5cm, ending with a RS row.

Dec row (WS) Rib 5 sts, rib2tog, (rib 2 sts, rib2tog) 21 times, rib 4 sts. [73 sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Cut off Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

These 2 rows form st st.

Work 12 rows more in st st (14 rows in total).

"This chenille yarn from Stylecraft comes in 20 gorgeous shades, so you can mix and match your colour combos however many times you knit this simple set!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



Cont in st st, working 14-row stripes in the following colour sequence: C, D.

Using Yarn E, work 2 rows in st st, ending with a purl row.

SHAPE TOP

Dec row (RS) (K10, k2tog) 6 times, K1. [67 sts]

Purl 1 row.

Dec row (K9, k2tog) 6 times, K1. [61 sts]

Purl 1 row.

Dec row (K8, k2tog) 6 times, K1. [55 sts]

Purl 1 row.

Dec row (K7, k2tog) 6 times, K1. [49 sts]

STEP-BY-STEP K2TOG KNIT TWO STITCHES TOGETHER



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle through the loops of the next two stitches as if to knit.



2 Wind the yarn round the tip of the right-hand needle and pull the yarn through the two stitches, knitting them both together.



3 Drop the two stitches from the left-hand needle and keep the new stitch on the right-hand needle.



4 Knitting two stitches together decreases your stitch count by one, and the decrease stitch leans to the right. This is how a series of k2tog decreases will look.

Purl 1 row.

Dec row (K6, k2tog) 6 times, K1. [43 sts]

Dec row (WS) P1, (p2tog, P5) 6 times. [37 sts]

Dec row (RS) (K4, k2tog) 6 times, K1. [31 sts]

Dec row P1, (p2tog, P3) 6 times. [25 sts]

Dec row (K2, k2tog) 6 times, K1. [19 sts]

Dec row P1, (p2tog, P1) 6 times. [13 sts]

Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn end for finishing. Thread yarn through rem 13 sts and pull tight to gather. Sew in yarn end securely.

MAKING UP

Join seam, matching stripes. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

SCARF

Cast on 35 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) P4, K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to last 4 sts, P4.

Row 2 K4, P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to last 4 sts, K4.

These 2 rows form K1, P1 rib with rev st st edges.

Cont as set until work measures 5cm ending with a RS row.

Dec row (WS) K4, rib2tog, (rib 3 sts, rib2tog) 5 times, K4. [29 sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Cut off Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) P4, knit to last 4 sts, P4.

Row 2 K4, purl to last 4 sts, K4.

These 2 rows form st st with rev st st edges.

Work 12 rows more in patt (14 rows in total).

Cont in patt, working 14-row stripes in the following colour sequence: C, D, E, A, B, C, D, E, A.

Using Yarn E, work in patt until centre panel measures 40cm, ending with a WS row.

Cont in patt, working 14-row stripes in the following colour sequence: A, E, D, C, B, A, E, D, C.

Using B, work 13 rows in patt, ending with a RS row.

Inc row (WS) K4, P1, M1, (P4, M1) 5 times, K4. [35 sts]

Change to 3.25mm needles and join in Yarn A.

Starting with Row 1, work 5cm in K1, P1 rib with rev st st edges, ending with a RS row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Cast off in patt.

MAKING UP

Pin out Scarf to measurements given. Cover with clean damp tea towels and leave to dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

FINGERLESS MITTS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 37 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Row 2 P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form K1, P1 rib.

Cont in rib until work measures 5cm, ending with a RS row.

Dec row (WS) (Rib 2 sts, rib2tog, rib 1 st, rib2tog) 5 times, rib 2 sts. [27 sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Cut off Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

These 2 rows form st st.

Work 12 rows more in st st (14 rows in total).

Using Yarn C, work 14 rows in st st.

Using Yarn D, work 13 rows in st st, ending with a knit row.

Inc row (WS) (P4, M1) 6 times, P3. [33 sts]

Change to 3.25mm needles and join in Yarn A.

Starting with Row 1, work 5cm in K1, P1 rib, ending with a RS row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Cast off in patt.

MAKING UP

To indicate gap for thumb, place a marker in the side edge 16cm above cast-on edge. Leave a gap of 4cm, and place another marker.

Join seam from cast-on edge to bottom marker. Sew in yarn end securely. Leave the gap and sew from top marker to cast-off edge.

Cover with a clean damp tea towel and leave to dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions. ●



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MONSTER MASH

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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Yarnsmiths Create DK (100% acrylic, 100g/290m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A 3.25mm circular needle, 40cm long (optional)
- 6 (6: 7: 7: 7) buttons, 2.5cm wide
- Stitch markers
- Stitch holder
- Toy stuffing
- Sewing needle and black thread

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10 x 10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79



WHERE TO BUY

- For Yarnsmith yarns contact Wool Warehouse on 01926 882818 or www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

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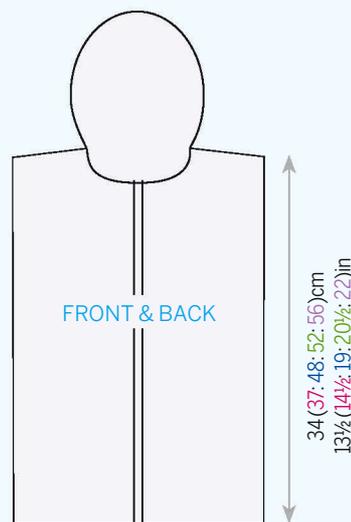
- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
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HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting



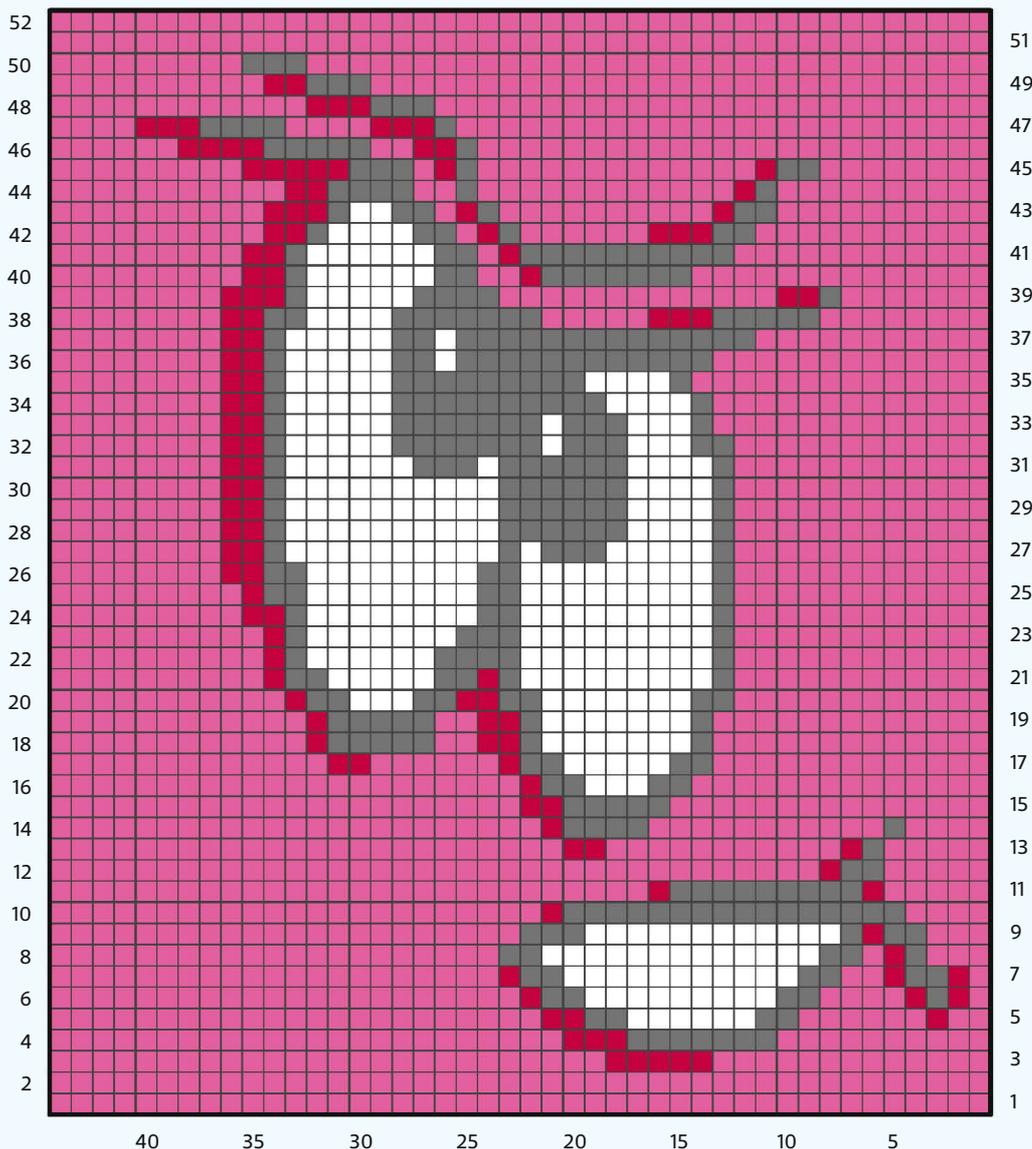
32 (36: 36: 39: 40)cm
12½ (14¼: 14¼: 15¼: 15½)in



32.5 (34.5: 38: 40: 42.5)cm
12¾ (13½: 15: 15¾: 16¾)in

34 (37: 48: 52: 56)cm
13½ (14½: 19: 20½: 22)in

CHART



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		2-3y	4-5y	6-7y	8-9y	10-11y
TO FIT CHEST	cm	56	61	65.5	69	73.5
	in	22	24	25¾	27¼	29
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	65.5	69	76	80	85.5
	in	25¾	27¼	30	31½	33¾
LENGTH	cm	34	37	48	52	56
	in	13½	14½	19	20½	22
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	32	36	36	39	40
	in	12½	14¼	14¼	15¼	15¾
YARN		Yarnsmiths Create DK (100g/290m)				
Yarn A Bright Pink (3368)		3	4	4	5	6
Yarn B Fuchsia Pink (3370)		1	1	1	1	1
Yarn C Black (3000)		1	1	1	1	1
Yarn D White (3040)		1	1	1	1	1

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



"This super-fun jumper is not just for Halloween, your little ones will love snuggling up in it for autumn and beyond! Knit it in different colours as they grow."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR


KIDS' HOODIE GARMENT BACK

Cast on 72 (76: 84: 88: 94) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Row 2 (WS) *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

These 2 rows set moss st. Work 8 further rows in moss st.

Change to 4mm needles.

Starting with a knit row, work 10 (20: 40: 40: 50) rows in st st.

SET CHART

Row 1 (RS) K14 (16: 20: 22: 25) in Yarn A, work Row 1 from Chart, K14 (16: 20: 22: 25) in Yarn A.

Row 2 (WS) P14 (16: 20: 22: 25) in Yarn A, work Row 2 from Chart, P14 (16: 20: 22: 25) in Yarn A.

Rows 3 to 52 Work from Chart as set AT THE SAME TIME when piece measures 20 (21.5: 33: 35: 37)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row, place marker at beg and end of row to mark Sleeve placement.

Once Chart is complete, cont in st st using only Yarn A until piece measures 34 (37: 48: 52: 56)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) P22 (24: 28: 29: 31), PM, P28 (28: 28: 30: 32), PM, P22 (24: 28: 29: 31).

Cast off keeping markers in place.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 32 (32: 36: 40: 42) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A. Work 10 rows in moss st as for Back.

Change to 4mm needles.

Next row (RS) Knit to end, inc 0 (2: 0: 0: 0) sts evenly across.

[32 (34: 36: 40: 42) sts]

Beg with a purl row, work in st st until piece measures 20 (21.5: 33: 35: 37)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row, place marker





at beg and end of row to mark sleeve placement.**
Cont in st st until piece measures 27 (30: 40.5: 44.5: 48.5)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) Cast off 4 (4: 5: 6: 6) sts, purl to end.

[28 (30: 31: 34: 36) sts]

Next row (RS) Knit.

Cast off 1 st at neck edge on next row and foll alt rows until 22 (24: 24: 27: 29) sts rem.

Cont without shaping until piece measures 34 (37: 48: 52: 56)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

Cast off.

BUTTON BAND

Using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 67 (75: 97: 105: 115) sts along Left Front edge from beg of neck shaping to cast-on edge.

Row 1 *K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.

This row sets moss st.

Repeat Row 1 a further 12 times.

Cast off.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as Left Front to **.

Cont in st st until piece measures 27 (30: 40.5: 44.5: 48.5)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 4 (4: 5: 6: 6) sts, knit to end.

[28 (30: 31: 34: 36) sts]

Next row (WS) Purl.

Cast off 1 st at neck edge on next row and foll alt row until 22 (24: 24: 27: 29) sts rem.

Cont without shaping until piece measures 34 (37: 48: 52: 56)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

Cast off.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

Using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 67 (75: 97: 105: 115) sts along Right Front edge from cast-on edge to beg of neck shaping.

Work 6 rows in moss st as for Button Band.

Next row (buttonhole row) Moss st 3 (4: 3: 4: 3) sts, *yo, ssk, moss st 10 (11: 13: 14: 16) sts; rep from * 4 (4: 5: 5: 5) more times, yo, ssk, moss st 2 (4: 2: 3: 2) sts.

Work 6 further rows in moss st.

Cast off.

SLEEVES (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 36 (36: 48: 52: 56) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A. Work 10 rows in moss st as for Back.

Change to 4mm needles.

Next row (RS) Knit to end, inc 3 (3: 0: 0: 0) evenly across.

[39 (39: 48: 52: 56) sts]

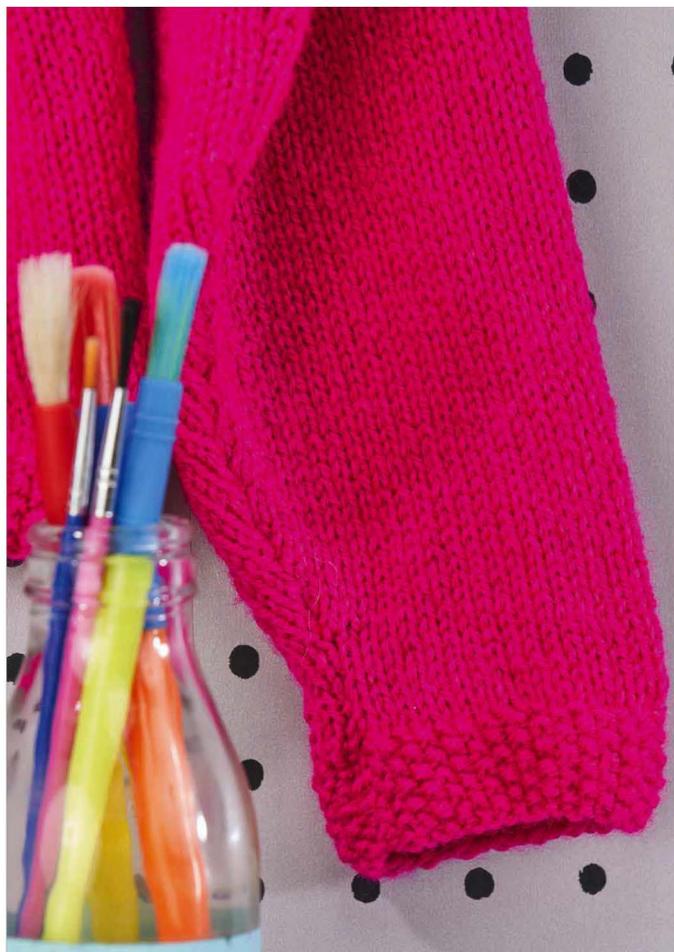
Starting with a purl row, work in st st (throughout), inc 1 st at each end of 4th (4th: 6th: 4th: 4th) row and every foll 3rd (3rd: 6th: 4th: 4th) row until you have 61 (67: 64: 58: 66) sts.

SIZE 6-7 YEARS ONLY

Inc 1 st at each end of foll 8th row, once. [- (: 66: -: -) sts]

SIZES 8-9 AND 10-11 YEARS ONLY

Inc 1 st at each end of - (: 9: 8) foll 6th rows. [- (: -: 76: 82) sts]



ALL SIZES

Cont in st st without shaping until piece measures 32 (36: 36: 39: 40) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

Cast off.

HOOD

Cast on 81 (84: 96: 100: 104) sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A. Starting with a knit row, work in st st until piece measures 21 (22: 23: 23) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

Next row Cast off 27 (28: 34: 35: 36) sts, knit until there are 27 (28: 28: 30: 32) sts on RH needle, **cast off** rem sts.

With WS facing, rejoin Yarn A to rem 27 (29: 28: 30: 32) sts, purl to end.

Cont in st st until piece measures 12 (13: 15: 16: 16.5) cm from cast-off sts.

Cast off.

Join side edges of last section to cast-off sts at sides to close top of Hood.

HOOD BORDER

Using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 54 (57: 62: 62: 62) sts even along the left front side of the Hood, 27 (29: 35: 37: 41) across centre cast-off edge, 54 (57: 62: 62: 62) sts along right front side of Hood. [135 (143: 159: 161: 165) sts]

Work 8 (8: 10: 10: 10) rows in Moss st as set for Button Band.

Cast off.

SPIKES (MAKE 3)

Cast on 32 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K1, (K1, ssk, K9, k2tog, K1) twice, K1. [28 sts]

Rows 4 to 6 Beg with a purl row, work in st st.

Row 7 K1, (K1, ssk, K7, k2tog, K1) twice, K1. [24 sts]

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 K1, (K1, ssk, K5, k2tog, K1) twice, K1. [20 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Row 11 K1, (K1, ssk, K3, k2tog, K1) twice, K1. [16 sts]

Row 12 Purl.

Row 13 K1, (K1, ssk, K1, k2tog, K1) twice, K1. [12 sts]

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 K1, (ssk, K1, k2tog) twice, K1. [8 sts]

Row 16 Purl.

Row 17 K1, (sl1, k2tog, psso) twice, K1. [4 sts]

Thread tail yarn through rem 4 sts, pull tight to close. Sew seam closed.

FINISHING

Join shoulder seams. Sew Hood into position using the image and markers on Back piece as a guide. The edges of the Hood border should overlap the front button bands slightly. Fold Sleeves in half lengthwise and place stitch marker on cast-off edge; use this stitch marker to line the centre of the Sleeve cap with the shoulder seam, and pin Sleeve into place. Once happy, sew into position. Join side and Sleeve seams. Using image as a guide, pin spikes to centre of hood and lightly stuff, then sew spikes into position using sewing needle and black thread. Block garment to measurements, following any instructions on the ball band. Sew on buttons.

Note Once you have finished your garment, place a balloon inside the Hood and blow up until it shapes the Hood, spray with water and leave to dry, this will block the Hood nicely. 



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YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Essentials Mega Wool Tweed Chunky (55% wool, 45% acrylic, 5% viscose, 100g/125m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- A pair of 5mm needles
- A pair of 6mm needles
- A cable needle (cn)
- A stitch holder (optional)

TENSION

15 sts and 19 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over rev st st using 6mm needles

10-st cable measures 3.5cm wide

ABBREVIATIONS

C10B Slip next 5 sts on cn and hold at back of work, K5, then K5 from cn

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists visit Rico at www.rico-design.de/en

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- Laughing Hens 01829 740903 or www.laughinghens.com
- Loop Knitting www.loopknitting.com



MEN'S JUMPER SLEEVES

(Worked top down)

Cast on 58 (62: 68: 72: 78) sts loosely using 6mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K2, P16 (18: 20: 22: 24), K1, P5 (5: 6: 6: 7), K10, P5 (5: 6: 6: 7), K1, P16 (18: 20: 22: 24), K2.

Row 2 P2, K16 (18: 20: 22: 24), P1, K5 (5: 6: 6: 7), P10, K5 (5: 6: 6: 7), P1, K16 (18: 20: 22: 24), P2.

Rows 3 to 8 Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times.

Row 9 As Row 1, but working C10B in place of K10.

Row 10 As Row 2.

These 10 rows set patt.

Dec row K2, p2tog, patt to last 4 sts, p2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Cont in patt working dec row on every foll 8th (8th: 6th: 6th: 6th) row until 46 (56: 50: 58: 72) sts rem, then on every foll 6th (6th: 4th: 4th: 4th) row until 38 (40: 42: 44: 46) sts rem.

Work a few rows straight until Sleeve measures 42cm, measured through centre of work, ending after a RS row.

Change to 5mm needles

Next row (WS) P3 (7: 5: 7: 7), *p2tog, P4 (6: 4: 2: 4); rep from * until 5 (9: 7: 9: 9) sts rem, p2tog, P to end. [32 (36: 36: 36: 40) sts]

Next row (RS) K3, (P2, K2) to last st, K1.

Next row K1, (P2, K2) to last 3 sts, P2, K1.

Rep last 2 rows until cuff measures 6cm, or desired length, ending after a WS row.

Cast off evenly in rib.

BACK

Cast on 76 (80: 88: 96: 100) sts using 5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K3, (P2, K2) to last st, K1.

Row 2 K1, (P2, K2) to last 3 sts, P2, K1.

Rows 1 and 2 set rib.

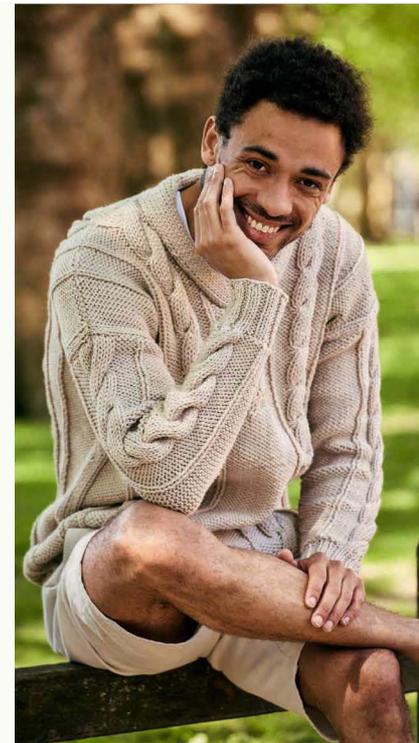
Cont in for 6cm, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) P12 (10: 14: 15: 8), *M1P, P4 (4: 4: 5: 5); rep from * to

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L	1XL	2XL
TO FIT CHEST	cm	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137
	in	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	106	114.5	125	133	143.5
	in	41¾	45	49¼	52½	56½
LENGTH	cm	67	69	69	70	70
	in	26½	27¼	27¼	27½	27½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	48	48	48	48	48
	in	19	19	19	19	19
YARN	Rico Essentials Mega Wool Tweed Chunky (100g/125m)					
O11		9	9	10	11	12

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



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last 12 (10: 14: 16: 7) sts, M1P, P to end. [90 (96: 104: 110: 118) sts]
Change to 6mm needles.

SET LOWER CABLE PATTERN

Row 1 (RS) K3, P6 (9: 10: 5: 5), [K1, P5 (5: 6: 6: 7)] 1 (1: 1: 2: 2) times, *K1, P5 (5: 6: 6: 7), K10, P5 (5: 6: 6: 7), K1*, P16 (16: 16: 18: 18), work from * to * again, [P5 (5: 6: 6: 7), K1] 1 (1: 1: 2: 2) times, P6 (9: 10: 5: 5), K3.

Row 2 P3, K6 (9: 10: 5: 5), [P1, K5 (5: 6: 6: 7)] 1 (1: 1: 2: 2) times, *P1, K5 (5: 6: 6: 7), P10, K5 (5: 6: 6: 7), P1*, K16 (16: 16: 18: 18), work from * to * again, [K5 (5: 6: 6: 7), P1] 1 (1: 1: 2: 2) times, K6 (9: 10: 5: 5), P3.

Rows 3 to 6 Rep Rows 1 and 2 twice.

Row 7 K3, P6 (9: 10: 5: 5), [K1, P5 (5: 6: 6: 7)] 1 (1: 1: 2: 2) times, *K1, P5 (5: 6: 6: 7), C10B, P5 (5: 6: 6: 7), K1*, P16 (16: 16: 18: 18), work from * to * again, [P5 (5: 6: 6: 7), K1] 1 (1: 1: 2: 2) times, P6 (9: 10: 5: 5), K3.

Row 8 As Row 2.

Rows 9 and 10 As Rows 1 and 2.

Rep last 10 rows another 6 times.

SET UPPER CABLE PATTERN

Row 1 (RS) Patt 37 (40: 44: 46: 50), P5 (5: 5: 6: 6), K6, P5 (5: 5: 6: 6), patt to end.

Row 2 Patt 37 (40: 44: 46: 50), K5 (5: 5: 6: 6), P6, K5 (5: 5: 6: 6), patt to end.

Rows 3 to 5 Rep Rows 1 and 2 once, then Row 1 again.

Row 6 (WS inc) Patt 37 (40: 44: 46: 50), K5 (5: 5: 6: 6), (P1, M1P) twice, P2, (M1P, P1) twice, K5 (5: 5: 6: 6), patt to end. [94 (100: 108: 114: 122) sts]

Row 7 Patt 37 (40: 44: 46: 50), P5 (5: 5: 6: 6), C10B, P5 (5: 5: 6: 6), patt to end.**

Maintaining continuity of patt and working the cables on 10th row as set, work straight until Back measures 67 (69: 69: 70: 70)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

STEP-BY-STEP M1 MAKE 1 INCREASE



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle under the loop or line of yarn that lies between the two stitches.



2 Next slip the yarn back on to the left-hand needle, ready for knitting.



3 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the back of the stitch as if to knit.



4 Pull the yarn all the way through and you will now have an extra stitch on your right-hand needle.



SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 8 (9: 9: 10: 11) sts at beg of next 6 rows, then 10 (9: 12: 11: 12) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Cast off rem 26 (28: 30: 32: 32) sts loosely and working p2tog five times across centre 10 sts.

Place a marker on centre st of back neck.

FRONT

Work as for Back to **.

Work 20 more rows maintaining continuity of patt and working the cables every 10th row as set.

DIVIDE FOR NECK

Next row (WS) Patt 47 (50: 54: 57: 61) and slip these sts on a stitch holder and leave for Right Neck, P5 across rem sts of centre cable, patt to end.

Cont working on these 47 (50: 54: 57: 61) sts for Left Neck.

SHAPE LEFT NECKBAND AND FRONT SLOPE

Row 1 (RS) Patt to last 8 sts, p2tog, P1 (for front slope), pm, K to last 2 sts, M1 (for neckband), K2.

Row 2 P to marker, sm, K2, patt to end.

Row 3 Patt to 3 sts before marker, p2tog, P1, sm, K to last 2 sts, M1, K2.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 another 1 (2: 1: 2: 2) times, then work Row 3 on 5 (5: 6: 6: 6) foll 4th rows.

Note A total of 8 (9: 9: 10: 10) increases and decreases have been worked, and the neckband should have 13 (14: 14: 15: 15) sts.

***Work without shaping until Front measures same as Back up to start of shoulder shaping, ending at the armhole edge.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 8 (9: 10: 10: 11) sts at beg of next row and the 2 foll alt rows. Work 1 row straight.

Cast off 10 (9: 10: 12: 13) sts, work to end. [13 (14: 14: 15: 15) sts]

Cont in st st and work straight for back neck border until strip fits across back neck to marker.

Cast off, or leave sts on a holder, and when right strip is finished the 2 ends of the borders can be grafted together if you prefer.

SHAPE RIGHT NECKBAND AND FRONT SLOPE

With RS facing neatly rejoin yarn at neck edge to rem 47 (50: 54: 57: 61) sts.

Row 1 (RS) K2, M1, K3, P1, p2tog, pm, patt to end.

Row 2 Patt to marker, sm, K2, P to end.

Row 3 K2, M1, K to 3 sts before marker, P1, p2tog, sm, patt to end.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 another 1 (2: 1: 2: 2) times, then work Row 3 on 5 (5: 6: 6: 6) foll 4th rows.

Note A total of 8 (9: 9: 10: 10) increases and decreases have been worked, and the neckband should have 13 (14: 14: 15: 15) sts.

Work from *** as for Left Front.

MAKING UP

Do not press. Join shoulders. Fold neckband in half and stitch inner edge of neck border neatly to back of neck, joining cast-off edges at centre. Stitch cast-on edge of Sleeves to upper sections of Back and Front. Join side and sleeve seams using mattress stitch. ●

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YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Fashion Aran (70% acrylic, 30% wool, 100g/200m) 1 ball of Iona (3317)
- A pair of 5mm needles
- Four buttons
- Card disks for pom-poms, each approx 7cm wide with a 5cm hole in the middle

TENSION

18 sts and 24 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

HOT WATER BOTTLE

Cast on 44 sts using 5mm needles.

Knit 5 rows.

Next row (Buttonhole) K4, yo, k2tog, K9, yo, k2tog, K9, k2tog, yo, K10, k2tog, yo, K4.

Knit 10 rows.

Next row **Cast on** 44 sts, knit to end of row. [88 sts]

Row 1 P2, (yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, P2), twice, K4, C4B, C4F, K4, P2, (yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, P2), twice, K to end of row.

Row 2 and every alt row P44, K2, (P4, K2) twice, P16, K2, (P4, K2) twice.

Row 3 P2, k2tog, yo twice, ssk, P2, k2tog, yo twice, ssk, P2, K2, C4B, K4, C4F, K2, P2, k2tog, yo twice, ssk, P2, k2tog, yo twice, ssk, P2, K to end of row.

Row 5 P2, (yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, P2), twice, C4B, K8, C4F, P2, (yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, P2), twice, K to end of row.

Row 7 P2, k2tog, yo twice, ssk, P2, k2tog, yo twice, ssk, P2, K4, C4B, C4F, K4, P2, k2tog, yo twice, ssk, P2,



k2tog, yo twice, ssk, P2, K to end of row.

Row 9 P2, (yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, P2), twice, K2, C4B, K4 C4F, K2, P2, (yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, P2), twice, K to end of row.

Row 11 P2, k2tog, yo twice, v, P2, k2tog, yo twice, ssk, P2, C4B, K8, C4F, P2, k2tog, yo twice, ssk, P2, k2tog, yo twice, sl1, K1, pssso, P2, K to end of row.

Cont to work as set repeating patt 4 more times, ending on a Row 12.

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 12 sts, K20, **cast off** 24 sts, K20, **cast off** remaining sts. [40 sts total on the needle]

Next row (WS) Rejoin the yarn to the first set of 20 sts, P2, K2. *

Next row K2, P2, to end of row.

Next row P2, K2 to end of row.

Next row (Eyelets) (K2tog, yo, P2), rep to end of row.

Next row P2, K2 to end of row.

Continue in the K2, P2 rib until the rib section measures 6.5cm, **cast off** in rib.

Next row (WS) Rejoin the yarn to the second set of 20 sts, P2, K2 Repeat from * to **cast off**.

MAKING UP

Weave in loose ends. With RS facing sew tog side seam, top edge of the cover and sides of ribbing. Turn right way out and attach buttons to bottom edge. With the remaining yarn make 2 small pom-poms and a length of twisted cord. Thread the cord through the eyelets and then sew the pom-poms to the ends of the cords. ●

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YOU WILL NEED

- Yarnsmiths Create DK (100% acrylic, 100g/290m) 2 balls of
- Yarn B** Petrol (3234) 1 ball each of
- Yarn A** Sky Blue (3260)
- Yarn C** Cream (3050)
- Yarn D** Silver (3030)
- Yarn E** Dark Sage (3202)
- Yarn F** Sienna Red (3094)
- Yarn G** Dark Grey Heather (3010)
- Yarn H** White (3040)
- Yarn J** Chocolate Brown (3080)
- Yarn K** Rust (3074)
- Yarn L** Gunmetal Grey (3005)
- Yarn M** Peachy Pink (3420)

- Yarn N** Antique Gold (3145)
- Yarn P** Blush (3062)
- Yarn Q** Bright Yellow (3164)

- A pair of 4mm needles
- A set of 3.75mm circular needles (for border)
- Black embroidery thread
- Stitch holder (for border)

TENSION

22 sts and 29 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Blanket Approx 87cm (34¼in) wide x 127cm (50in) long
Each square 20x20cm (8x8in) when blocked

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY
 For Yarnsmith yarns contact Wool Warehouse on 01926 882818 or www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TOP TIP
 When working Swiss darning work each stitch carefully over the existing knit stitches, copying their shape. Keep your tension consistent to create an even, seamless design.

KEY

- Background colour
-  Yarn A
-  Yarn B
-  Yarn C
-  Yarn D
-  Yarn E
-  Yarn F
-  Yarn G
-  Yarn H
-  Yarn J
-  Yarn K
-  Yarn L
-  Yarn M
-  Yarn N
-  Yarn P
-  Yarn Q
-  Embroider with black thread

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FESTIVE BLANKET KAL

Note The Chart represents the stocking stitch area of the square – the garter stitch borders are not included in the Chart.

SQUARE (MAKE 1 IN YARN A, 2 IN YARN B, 2 IN YARN C AND 2 IN YARN D)

- Cast on** 45 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
- Rows 1 to 4** Work in garter st.
- Row 5** Knit.
- Row 6** K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3. Rep Rows 5 and 6 another 24 times.
- Rows 55 to 58** Work in garter st.
- Cast off.**

SNOWMAN SQUARE (MAKE 1)

- Cast on** 45 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn H.
- Rows 1 to 4** Work in garter st.
- Row 5** Knit.
- Row 6** K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3. Rep Rows 5 and 6 another 5 times. Change to Yarn A and rep Rows 5 and 6 another 19 times.
- Rows 55 to 58** Work in garter st.
- Cast off.**

FINISHING

Block all squares gently, following any instructions on the ball band.

SWISS DARNING SQUARE 1

Swiss darn Chart 1 motif on Yarn B square.

SQUARE 2

Swiss darn Chart 2 motif on Yarn A square.

SQUARE 3

Swiss darn Chart 3 motif on Yarn D square

SQUARE 4

Swiss darn Chart 4 motif on Yarn B square.

SQUARE 5

Swiss darn Chart 5 motif on Yarn D square.

SQUARE 6

Swiss darn Chart 6 motif on Snowman square.

SQUARE 7

Swiss darn Chart 7 motif on Yarn C square.

SQUARE 8

Swiss darn Chart 8 motif on Yarn C square. 

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CHART 1

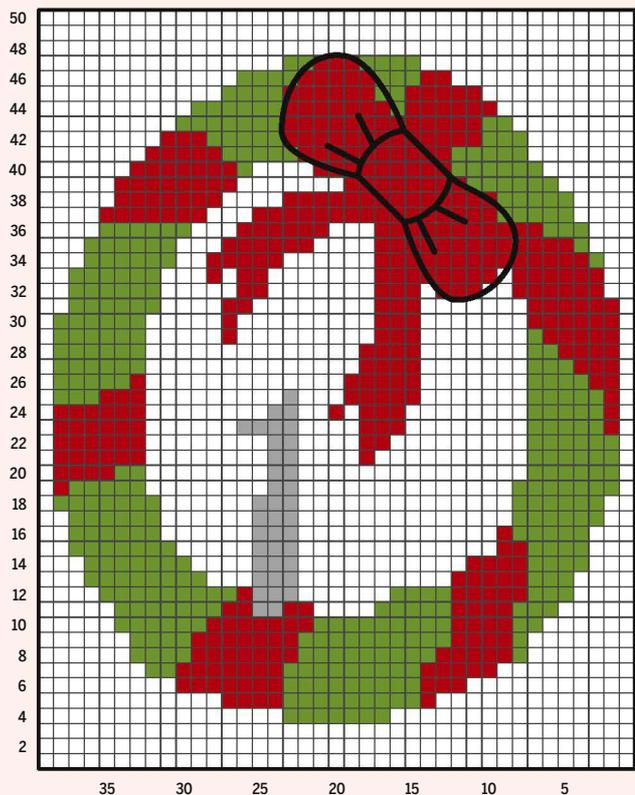


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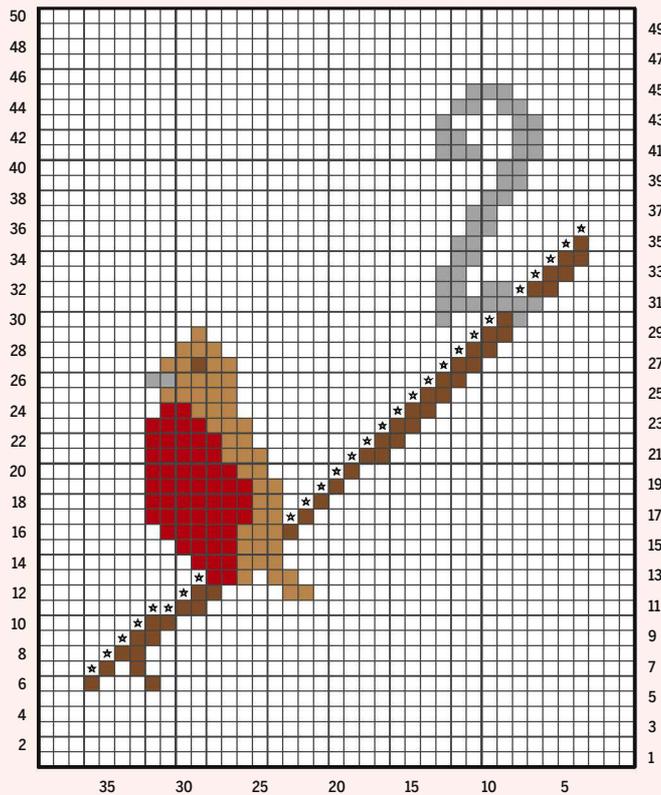


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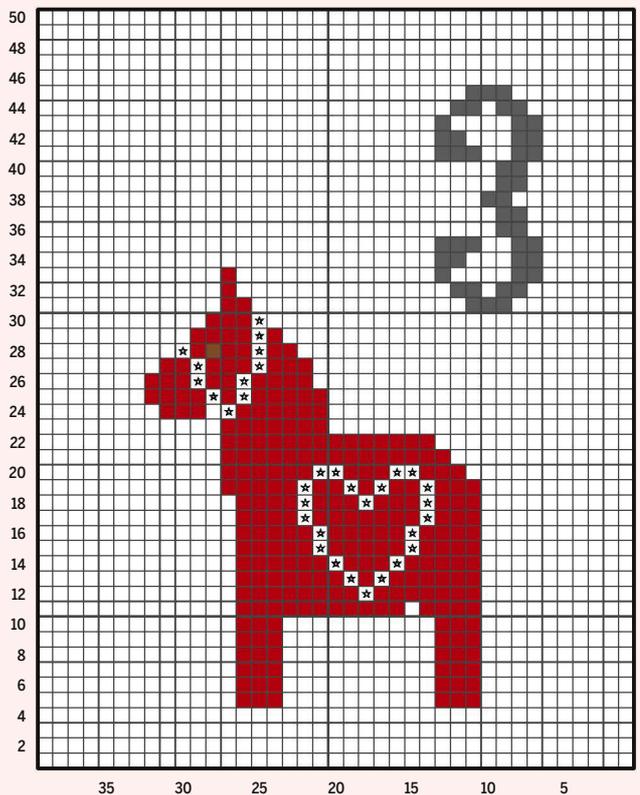
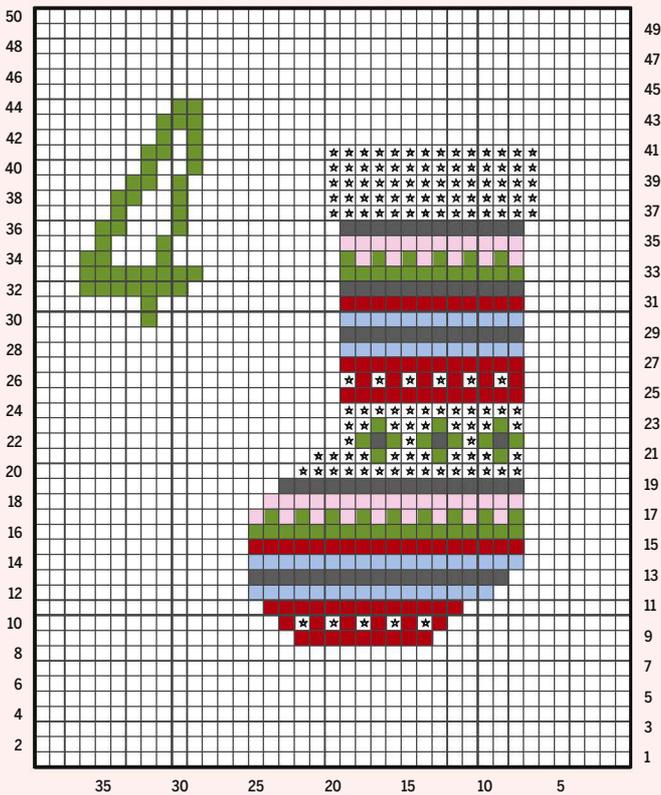


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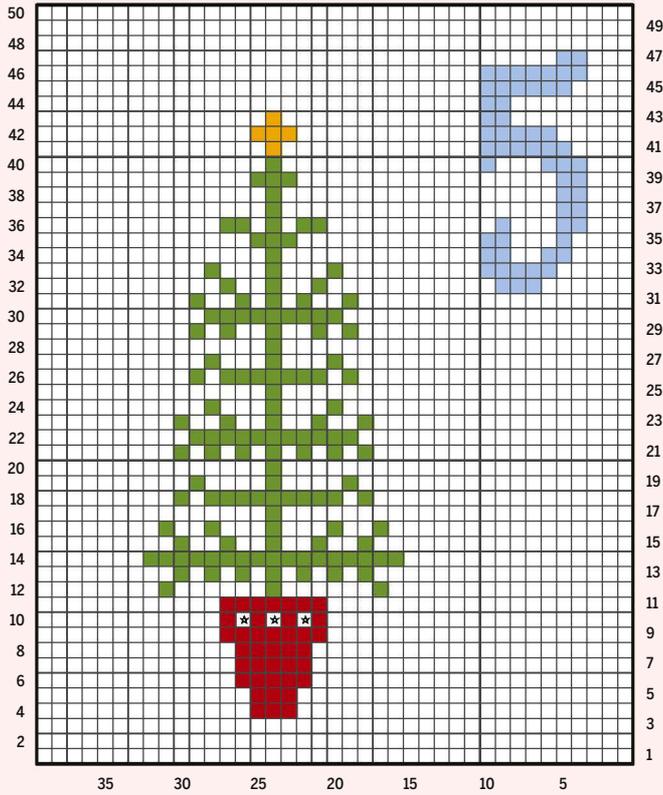


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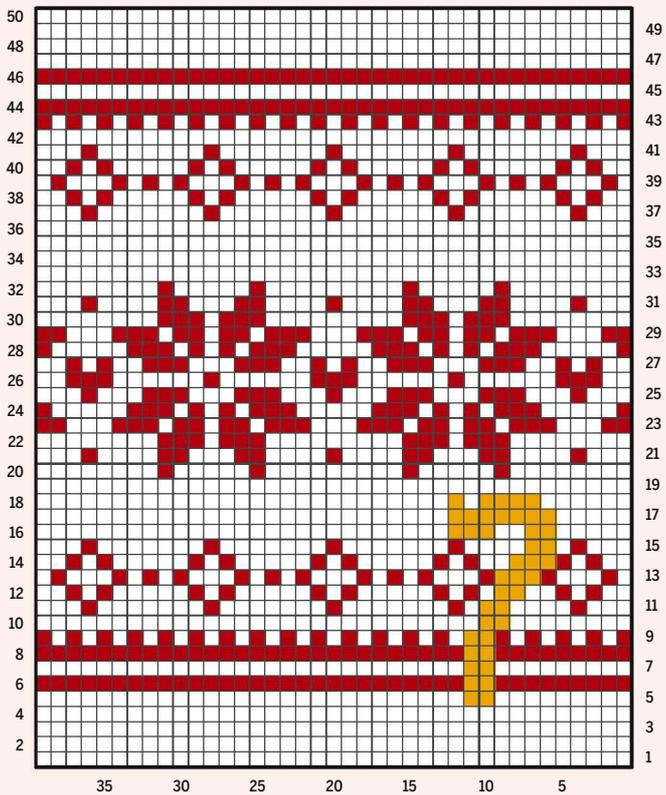


CHART 8



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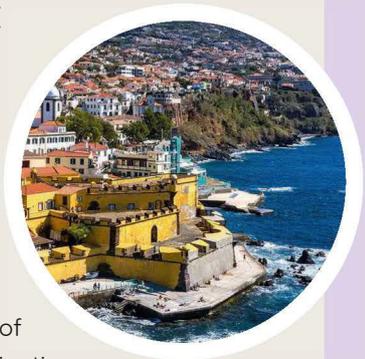
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RRP £7 **WEIGHT** Super chunky
BALL 100g/120m **NEEDLE** 6mm
CONTENT 100% polyester
CARE Machine wash at 40°C, dry flat
www.hobbii.co.uk



RICO FASHION LIGHT LUXURY HAND DYED

Introducing cosy, luxurious Fashion Light Luxury yarn from Rico, now available in a stunning hand-dyed version. Each skein comes in beautifully harmonious colour combinations, perfect for adding a modern touch to your projects. With five trendy shades, and its soft and fluffy chunky weight you'll quickly create something unique for your home or wardrobe with this fun yarn.

RRP £12 **WEIGHT** Chunky
BALL 50g/130m **NEEDLE** 6-7mm
CONTENT 74% alpaca, 22% wool, 4% nylon **CARE** Hand wash, dry flat
 For stockists www.rico-design.de/en



STYLECRAFT SQUEEZE ME DK

Stylecraft's new Squeeze Me is a luxurious chenille that's irresistibly soft and perfect for snuggly creations. With 20 colours, it caters to all tastes, from serene neutrals and calming pastels to vibrant, lively hues. This velvety yarn is perfect for those seeking a touchable, huggable texture. Whether you're aiming for a sophisticated or playful look, Squeeze Me offers a rich palette.

RRP £3.79 **WEIGHT** DK
BALL 100g/200m **NEEDLE** 4mm
CONTENT 100% polyester **CARE** Machine wash at 30°C, cool tumble dry
 For stockists www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk



Soft to the touch

Discover the cosiest yarns for your projects, with our yarn reviews focusing on texture, quality and snugliness



MODE AT ROWAN ALPACA HAZE

Hot off the press is Alpaca Haze from Mode at Rowan. An impressive featherlight yarn, it's made from 58% alpaca and 22% wool, so it's a wonderfully luxurious looking and feeling addition to your knitting stash. We love that it comes in a range of soft, subtle hues designed to compliment the base tones of your wardrobe and home décor.

RRP £5.95 **WEIGHT** 25g
BALL 25g/212m **NEEDLE** 3.25-5mm
CONTENT 58% alpaca, 22% wool, 20% polyamide **CARE** Handwash
www.knitrowan.com



CYGNET JELLYBABY CHUNKY CHENILLE

This yarn is an absolute delight! It's wonderfully soft and chunky, making it perfect for a variety of projects from garments to homewares. The shade range has everything from soft pastels to vibrant brights. It's especially great for toy making, plushies, and amigurumi. Plus, it's Oeko-Tex certified, so you can feel good about using it.

RRP £3.99 **WEIGHT** Chunky
BALL 100g/120m **NEEDLE** 6-6.5mm
CONTENT 100% polyester **CARE** Machine wash at 40°C
 For stockists www.cygnetyarns.com



WOOL AND THE GANG TAKE CARE MOHAIR

Take Care Mohair is a versatile treat, keeping you warm in winter and cool in summer. It's sourced from a South African region with a 200-year goat farming tradition. Plus, it's RMS certified, which guarantees responsible mohair production, excellent animal welfare and sustainable land management, with the yarn being tracked from farm to final product.

RRP £14 **WEIGHT** Aran
BALL 50g/100m **NEEDLE** 6.5-15mm
CONTENT 78% kid mohair, 13% wool, 9% polyamide **CARE** Hand wash cold, dry flat
www.woolandthegang.com



NEW *from*
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Slip into this colourful stripy cardigan knitted in a palette of cool cotton yarns – it's the ultimate in wraparound elegance. By **Lisa Richardson**

COLOURWORK CARDIGAN



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- Rowan Summerlite 4ply (100% cotton, 100g/175m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A pair of 2.75mm needles
- A pair of 3mm needles
- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- A set of 2.75mm circular needles at least 120cm long
- 4 buttons, 23mm diameter (TGB4837 from Textile Garden)

TENSION

29 sts and 50 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over patt using a combination of 3mm and 3.25mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

wyaf (with yarn at front of work)
This is RS on RS rows, and WS on WS rows

wyab (with yarn at back of work)
This is WS on RS rows, and RS on WS rows

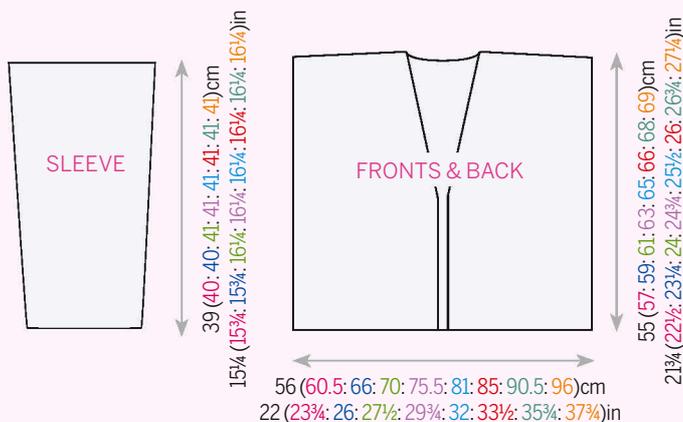
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"This 4ply cotton yarn has a lovely matt finish which complements the texture of this easy-fit design perfectly. I'll be wearing this pretty cardi right through the season."

NICOLA LYNN, ART EDITOR

COLOURWORK CARDIGAN BACK

Cast on 165 (177: 189: 201: 219: 237: 249: 261: 279) sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) K3, *P3, K3, rep from * to end.

Row 2 P3, *K3, P3, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib.

Cont in rib until Back meas 6cm, dec (dec: inc: inc: -: dec: dec: inc: -) 1 st at each end of last row and ending with RS facing for next row. [163 (175: 191: 203: 219: 235: 247: 263: 279) sts]

Joining in and breaking off colours as required, now work in patt as folls:

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Using Yarn A, knit.

Row 2 Using Yarn A, purl.

Row 3 Using Yarn B, K2, *sl1 wyab, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 4 Using Yarn B, K2, *sl1 wyaf, P1, sl 1 wyaf, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 5 Using Yarn A, K3, *sl1 wyab, K3, rep from * to end.

Row 6 Using Yarn A, P3, *sl1 wyaf, P3, rep from * to end.

Row 7 Using Yarn B, K1, *sl1 wyab, K3, rep from * to last 2 sts, sl1 wyab, K1.

Row 8 Using Yarn B, K1, *sl1 wyaf, K3, rep from * to last 2 sts, sl1 wyaf, K1.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		4-6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30	32-34	36-38
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
	in	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
ACTUAL BUST	cm	112.5	120.5	131.5	140	151	162	170.5	181.5	192.5
	in	44¼	47½	51¼	55	59½	63¼	67¼	71½	75¼
LENGTH	cm	55	57	59	61	63	65	66	68	69
	in	21¾	22½	23¾	24	24¾	25½	26	26¾	27¼
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	39	40	40	41	41	41	41	41	41
	in	15¼	15¾	15¾	16¼	16¼	16¼	16¼	16¼	16¼
YARN		Rowan Summerlite 4ply (50g/175m)								
Yarn A Mint (451)		3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5
Yarn B Pinched Pink (426)		3	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	6
Yarn C Aubergine (432)		2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4
Yarn D Ecru (436)		2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



Row 9 Using Yarn A, K2, *sl1 wyab, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 10 Using Yarn A, P2, *sl1 wyaf, P1, rep from * to last st, P1.
Row 11 Using Yarn B, K3, *sl1 wyab, K3, rep from * to end.
Row 12 Using Yarn B, K3, *sl1 wyaf, K3, rep from * to end.
Row 13 Using Yarn A, K1, *sl1 wyab, K3, rep from * to last 2 sts, sl1 wyab, K1.
Row 14 Using Yarn A, P1, *sl1 wyaf, P3, rep from * to last 2 sts, sl1 wyaf, P1.
Rows 15 and 16 As Rows 11 and 12.
Row 17 Using Yarn A, K2, *sl1 wyab, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 18 Using Yarn A, K2, *sl1 wyaf, P1, sl 1 wyaf, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.
Rows 19 and 20 As Rows 11 and 12.
Rows 21 and 22 As Rows 13 and 14.

Change to 3mm needles.
Rows 23 and 24 Using Yarn A, knit.
Rows 25 and 26 Using Yarn C, knit.
Rows 27 and 28 Using Yarn A, knit.
Rows 29 and 30 Using Yarn C, knit.
Rows 31 and 32 Using Yarn A, knit.

Change to 3.25mm needles.
Row 33 Using Yarn D, knit.
Row 34 Using Yarn D, purl.
Row 35 Using Yarn C, K3, *sl1 wyab, K3, rep from * to end.
Row 36 Using Yarn C, K3, *sl1 wyaf, K3, rep from * to end.
Row 37 Using Yarn A, K1, *sl1 wyab, K3, rep from * to last 2 sts, sl 1 wyab, K1.
Row 38 Using Yarn A, K1, *sl1 wyaf, K3, rep from * to last 2 sts, sl 1 wyaf, K1.
Row 39 Using Yarn D, K3, *sl1 wyab, K3, rep from * to end.
Row 40 Using Yarn D, P1, K1, P1, *sl1 wyaf, P1, K1, P1, rep from * to end.
Rows 41 and 42 As Rows 33 and 34 but using Yarn C.
Rows 43 and 44 As Rows 35 and 36 but using Yarn A.

Rows 45 and 46 As Rows 37 and 38 but using Yarn D.
Rows 47 and 48 As Rows 39 and 40 but using Yarn C.
Rows 49 and 50 As Rows 33 and 34 but using Yarn A.
Rows 51 and 52 As Rows 35 and 36 but using Yarn D.
Rows 53 and 54 As Rows 37 and 38 but using Yarn C.
Rows 55 and 56 As Rows 39 and 40 but using Yarn A.

Change to 3mm needles.
Rows 57 and 58 Using Yarn D, knit.
Rows 59 and 60 Using Yarn B, knit.
Rows 61 and 62 Using Yarn D, knit.
Rows 63 and 64 Using Yarn B, knit.
Rows 65 and 66 Using Yarn D, knit.

Change to 3.25mm needles.
Rows 67 to 88 As Rows 1 to 22 but using Yarn B in place of Yarn A, and Yarn C in place of Yarn B.

Change to 3mm needles.
Rows 89 and 90 Using Yarn C, knit.
Rows 91 and 92 Using Yarn A, knit.
Rows 93 and 94 Using Yarn C, knit.
Rows 95 and 96 Using Yarn A, knit.
Rows 97 and 98 Using Yarn C, knit.

Change to 3.25mm needles.
Rows 99 to 122 As Rows 33 to 56 but using Yarn A in place of yarn D, D in place of Yarn C, and Yarn B in place of Yarn A.

Change to 3mm needles.
Rows 123 and 124 Using Yarn D, knit.
Rows 125 and 126 Using Yarn B, knit.
Rows 127 and 128 Using Yarn D, knit.
Rows 129 and 130 Using Yarn B, knit.
Rows 131 and 132 Using Yarn D, knit.
 These 132 rows form patt.



Remembering to change needle size between each band as stated, cont in patt as folls:
Cont straight until Back meas 49 (51: 53: 55: 57: 59: 60: 62: 63)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Keeping patt correct, **cast off** 4 (4: 4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7) sts at beg of next 18 (18: 6: 18: 10: 18: 16: 18: 14) rows, then – (: 5: : 6: : 7: : 8) sts at beg of foll – (: 12: : 8: : 2: : 4) rows.
[91 (103: 107: 113: 121: 127: 137: 137: 149) sts]

SHAPE BACK NECK

Next row (RS) Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8) sts, patt until there are 26 (30: 31: 33: 36: 37: 41: 41: 46) sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Work each side of neck separately.

Keeping patt correct, dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on foll 2 alt rows and at same time **cast off** 4 (4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8) sts at beg of 2nd and foll 3 (0: 3: 2: 3: 3: 3: 3) alt rows, then – (5: : 6: : - : -) sts at beg of foll – (3: : 1: : - : -) alt rows.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8) sts.

With RS facing, slip centre 31 (35: 35: 37: 37: 41: 41: 41: 41) sts onto a holder (for front band), rejoin appropriate yarns and patt to end. Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 76 (82: 94: 94: 106: 112: 118: 130: 136) sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) K3, *P3, K3, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 2 K1, P3, *K3, P3, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib.

Cont in rib until left front meas 6cm, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS) Rib 12 (9: 47: 11: 53: 18: 11: 65: 22), M1, (rib 26 (16: : 18: : 38: 24: : 46), M1) 2 (4: 0: 4: 0: 2: 4: 0: 2) times, rib 12 (9: 47: 11: 53: 18: 11: 65: 22). [79 (87: 95: 99: 107: 115: 123: 131: 139) sts]

Joining in and breaking off colours as required, now work in patt as given for back and cont as folls:

Cont straight until 120 (120: 120: 124: 124: 128: 128: 128: 132) rows less have been worked than on back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT SLOPE

Keeping patt correct, dec 1 st at end of next and 1 (17: 17: 11: 11: 17: 21: 21: 21) foll 6th rows, then on 14 (2: 2: 7: 7: 3: 0: 0: 0) foll 8th rows.

STEP-BY-STEP M1 MAKE 1 INCREASE



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle under the loop or line of yarn that lies between the two stitches.



2 Next slip the yarn back on to the left-hand needle, ready for knitting.



3 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the back of the stitch as if to knit.



4 Pull the yarn all the way through and you will now have an extra stitch on your right-hand needle.

[63 (67: 75: 80: 88: 94: 101: 109: 117) sts]

Work 1 (1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 5) rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Keeping patt correct, **cast off** 4 (4: 4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7) sts at beg of next and foll 13 (10: 2: 12: 4: 13: 7: 13: 6) alt rows, then – (5: 5: 6: 6: -: 7: -: 8) sts at beg of foll – (3: 11: 1: 9: -: 6: -: 7) alt rows and at same time dec 1 st at front slope edge of 7th (7th: 7th: 7th: 7th: 7th: 5th: 5th: next) and 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 3: 3: 1) foll 6th rows, then on 2 (2: 2: 2: 2: 2: 0: 0: 2) foll 8th rows.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 7: 8) sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 76 (82: 94: 94: 106: 112: 118: 130: 136) sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) K4, *P3, K3, rep from * to end.

Row 2 P3, *K3, P3, rep from * to last st, K1.

These 2 rows form rib.

Complete to match left front, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Cast on 51 (57: 57: 63: 63: 63: 63: 69: 69) sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn B.

Work in rib as given for Back for 4.5cm, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS) Rib 3 (2: 3: 4: 4: 1: 1: 2: 2), M1, (rib 3 (4: 3: 5: 5: 4: 4: 5: 5), M1) 15 (13: 17: 11: 11: 15: 15: 13: 13) times, rib 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 2: 2: 2: 2). [67 (71: 75: 75: 75: 79: 79: 83: 83) sts]

Joining in and breaking off colours as required, now work in patt as given for back and cont as folls:

Inc 1 st at each end of 7th (7th: 5th: 5th: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd) and every foll 8th (8th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th) row to 89 (99: 91: 117: 91: 113: 125: 135: 153) sts, then on every foll 10th (10th: 8th: 8th: 6th: 6th: 6th: 6th: 6th) row until there are 101 (107: 117: 125: 133: 143: 147: 153: 159) sts, taking inc sts into patt.

Cont straight until Sleeve meas 39 (40: 40: 41: 41: 41: 41: 41: 41)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Block pieces gently, following any instructions on the ball band. Join both shoulder seams using mattress stitch, or backstitch if preferred.

FRONT BAND

With RS facing, using 2.75mm circular needle and Yarn B, beg and ending at front cast-on edges, pick up and knit 70 (76: 81: 85: 90: 94: 96: 102: 103) sts up right front opening edge to beg of front slope shaping, then 100 (101: 102: 103: 104: 107: 105: 105: 110) sts up right front slope to shoulder seam, and 6 sts down right side of back neck, K across 31 (35: 35: 37: 37: 41: 41: 41: 41) sts on back holder, pick up and knit 6 sts up left side of back neck, 100 (101: 102: 103: 104: 107: 105: 105: 110) sts up down left slope to beg of front slope shaping, then 70 (76: 81: 85: 90: 94: 96: 102: 103) sts down left front opening edge.

[383 (401: 413: 425: 437: 455: 455: 467: 479) sts]

Row 1 (WS) K1, *P3, K3, rep from * to last 4 sts, P3, K1.

Row 2 K4, *P3, K3, rep from * to last st, K1.

These 2 rows form rib.

Work in rib for a further 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 6 (RS) Rib 8 (8: 9: 8: 9: 8: 9: 9: 8), ***cast off** 3 sts (to make a



buttonhole – **cast on** 3 sts over these cast-off sts on next row, rib until there are 16 (18: 19: 21: 22: 24: 24: 26: 27) sts on right needle after cast-off, rep from * twice more, **cast off** 3 sts (to make 4th buttonhole – **cast on** 3 sts over these cast-off sts on next row), rib to end.

Work in rib for a further 7 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. **Cast off** in rib.

Mark points along side seam edges 18 (19: 20.5: 22: 23.5: 25: 26: 27: 28) cm either side of shoulder seams (to denote base of armhole openings). Place centre of cast-off edge of sleeve to shoulder seam. Sew top of sleeve to body, using markers as a guide. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes..

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Appliqué shapes turn a simple boat-neck jumper into a knit with additional charm. By **Amy Philip**

Give
appliqué
a go!



* KIDS' APPLE JUMPER



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Terrazzo (70% recycled wool, 30% viscose, 50g/175m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A set of 3.25mm needles suitable for working flat and in the round
- A set of 4mm needles suitable for working flat and in the round
- A set of 4mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- 4 stitch markers
- 1 round marker
- 2 stitch holders

- A crochet hook (any size between 3mm and 4mm is suitable)
- Tapestry needle
- Approx 127cm each of brown and green yarn
- 1 button, approx 1cm diameter

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

M1L (left leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop.
M1R (right leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front. Knit lifted loop through front of loop

For a full list see page 79



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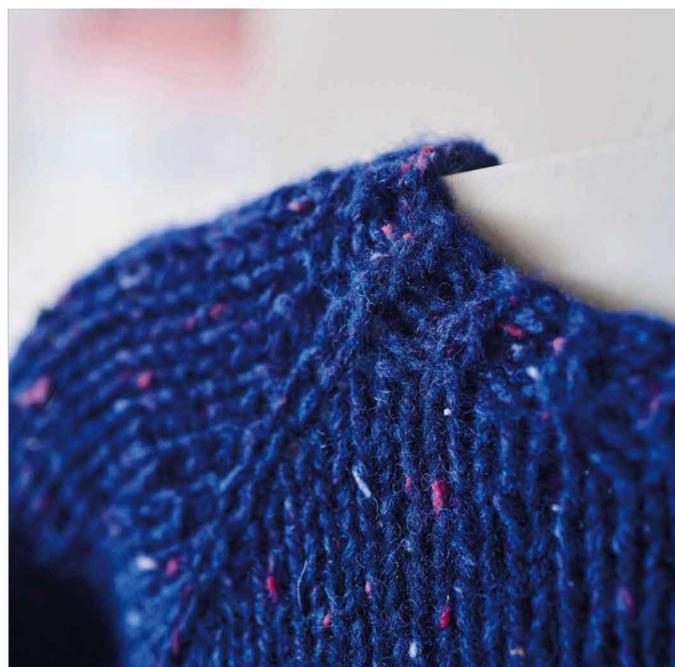
Cast on 70 (74: 76: 78: 80) sts using 3.25mm needles using long tail method and Yarn A. Do not join to work in round.

Row 1 (K1 tbl, P1 tbl) to end.
Rep Row 1 a further 4 times.

Change to 4mm needles and cont for raglan shaping, beg with a WS row, as foll:

Set-up row P14 (15: 15: 15: 15: 15) sts for left back, PM, P7 (7: 8: 9: 9: 10) for left sleeve, PM, P28 (30: 30: 30: 30: 30) sts for front, PM, P7 (7: 8: 9: 9: 10) for right sleeve, PM, P14 (15: 15: 15: 15: 15) sts for right back.

Row 1 (RS) (K to marker, M1R, SM, K1, M1L) four times, K to end. 8 sts inc. [78 (82: 84: 86: 86: 88) sts]



Row 2 (WS) P to end.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 a further 3 times.
[102 (106: 108: 110: 112) sts]

Join for working in round being careful not to twist sts. PM at beg of round and cont raglan shaping in st st in the round (every round K) as foll:

Round 1 (K to marker, M1R, SM, K1, M1L) four times, K to end. 8 sts inc. [110 (114: 116: 118: 118: 120) sts]

Round 2 K to end.

Rep Rounds 1 and 2 a further 5 (6: 8: 10: 11: 13) times.
[150 (162: 180: 198: 206: 224) sts]

Work raglan inc on sleeves as foll:

Round 1 (K to marker, s1SM, K1, M1L, k to marker, M1R, s1SM) twice, k to end. 4 sts inc, 2 on each sleeve.

[154 (166: 184: 202: 210: 228) sts]

Round 2 K to end.

Rep Rounds 1 and 2 a further 3 (3: 2: 2: 2: 2) times.
[166 (178: 192: 210: 218: 236) sts]

DIVIDE FOR SLEEVES AND BODY

Next row Remove round marker, K to marker, remove marker, K1, place next 34 (36: 39: 44: 46: 51) sts on hold for first sleeve, remove marker, **cast on** 4 sts using backward loop method, K to marker, remove marker, K1, place next 34 (36: 39: 44: 46: 51) sts on hold for second sleeve, **cast on** 4 sts using backward loop method, PM for new beg of round. [106 (114: 122: 130: 134: 142) sts]

BODY

Cont straight in st st (every round K) until work measures 14 (15: 16.5: 18: 20: 21.5)cm from cast-on edge, measured from centre front.

INNER POCKETS

K53 (57: 61: 65: 67: 71) sts for back, K8 (8: 9: 9: 10: 10) sts, K12 (14: 15: 16: 16: 17) sts onto 4mm DPNs for first pocket, turn. Cont working back and forth in st st (alt P and K rows) over 12 (14: 15: 16: 16: 17) pocket sts till pocket measures 11.5 (12: 13.5: 14: 14.5: 15)cm, ending with a P row. K12 (14: 15: 16: 16: 17) pocket sts back onto regular needles, ending with working yarn positioned to cont working across front body.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		0-3m	3-6m	6-12m	12-18m	18-24m	2-3yrs
TO FIT CHEST	cm	43	46	49	51	53.5	56
	in	17	18	19¼	20	21	22
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	49	52.5	56.5	60	62	65.5
	in	19¼	20¾	22¼	23½	24½	25¾
LENGTH (INCL NECKBAND)	cm	24	26.5	31	33	35.5	38
	in	9½	10½	12¼	13	14	15
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	15	18	20.5	21.5	24	26
	in	6	7	8	8½	9½	10¼
YARN	Scheepjes Terrazzo (DK, 50g/175m)						
Yarn A Millennio (731)		2	2	2	3	3	3
Yarn B Scarlatto (718)		1	1	1	1	1	1

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



K13 (13: 13: 15: 15: 17) sts across front body, K12 (14: 15: 16: 16: 17) sts onto 4mm DPNs for second pocket, turn. Cont working back and forth in st st (alt P and K rows) over 12 (14: 15: 16: 16: 17) pocket sts until pocket measures 11.5 (12: 13.5: 14: 14.5: 15)cm, ending with a P row. K12 (14: 15: 16: 16: 17) pocket sts back onto regular needles, ending with working yarn positioned to cont working across body, K to end of round.

Cont with body as foll:
Cont straight in st st (every round K) until work measures 21.5 (24: 28.5: 30.5: 33: 35.5)cm from cast-on edge, measured from centre-front.
Change to 3.25mm needles.
Next round (K1tbl, P1tbl) to end.
Rep prev round until work measures 2.5cm.
Cast off all sts loosely in rib stitch.

SLEEVES

Beg in centre of 4 cast-off sts at first underarm and using 4mm needles, pick up and K2 sts, K across 34 (36: 39: 44: 46: 51) sleeve sts, pick up and K2 sts. [38 (40: 43: 48: 50: 55) sts]
Round 1 K to end.
Round 2 (dec) K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, ssk, K2. [2 sts dec] [36 (38: 41: 46: 48: 53) sts]
Rep Round 2 on 2 (2: 3: 5: 5: 7) foll eighth rounds. [32 (34: 35: 36: 38: 39) sts]
Cont straight in st st (every round K) until sleeve measures 12.5 (15: 18: 19: 21.5: 23.5)cm measured from underarm.

Change to 3.25mm needles.
Next round (K1 tbl, P1 tbl) to end.
Rep prev round until work measures 2.5cm.
Cast off all sts loosely in rib stitch.
Rep for second sleeve at second underarm.

APPLES (MAKE 2)
SIZES 0-3 MO, 3-6 MO AND 6-12 MO ONLY

Cast on 7 sts using long tail method, 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 K to end.
Row 2 K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. 2 sts inc. [9 sts]
Row 3 K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. 2 sts inc. [11 sts]
Row 4 K to end.
Row 5 K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. 2 sts inc. [13 sts]
Row 6 K to end.
Row 7 K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. 2 sts inc. [15 sts]
Cont straight in garter st for a further 12 rows.

APPLE TOP

Row 1 K6, cast off 3 sts, K to end.
Row 2 K6, turn, cont across these 6 sts, leaving rem 6 sts on hold.
Row 3 K6.
Row 4 Cast off 1 st, K to end.
Row 5 Cast off 1 st, K to end. [4 sts]
Cast off all sts.
Re-join yarn in centre of apple and work across rem 6 sts.
Row 1 K6.
Row 2 Cast off 1 st, K to end.
Row 3 Cast off 1 st, K to end.



Row 4 Cast off 1 st, K to end. [3 sts]
Cast off all sts.

SIZES 12-18 M; 18-24 M: 2-3YRS ONLY

Cast on 7 sts using long tail method, 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.

- Row 1** K to end.
 - Row 2** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc: 9 sts]
 - Row 3** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc: 11 sts]
 - Row 4** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc: 13 sts]
 - Row 5** K to end.
 - Row 6** K1, kfb, K to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc: 15 sts]
 - Row 7** K to end.
 - Row 8** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc: 17 sts]
- Cont straight in garter st for a further 15 rows.

APPLE TOP

- Row 1** K7, **cast off** 3 sts, K to end.
- Row 2** K7, turn, cont across these 7 sts, leaving rem 7 sts on hold.
- Row 3** K7.
- Row 4 Cast off** 1 st, K to end.
- Row 5 Cast off** 1 st, K to end.
- Row 6 Cast off** 1 st, K to end. [4 sts]

- Cast off** all sts.
- Re-join yarn in centre of apple and work across rem 7 sts.
- Row 1** K7.
- Row 2 Cast off** 1 st, K to end.
- Row 3 Cast off** 1 st, K to end.
- Row 4 Cast off** 1 st, K to end.
- Row 5 Cast off** 1 st, K to end. [3 sts]
- Cast off** all sts.

APPLE STALK
ALL SIZES

Using 4mm DPNs and 50cm of brown yarn, with RS facing pick up and K3 sts in centre of Apple Top.

- Row 1** Do not turn work, slide sts to other end of needle, bring working yarn back to beg of work and pull slightly, K to end.
- Rep Row 1 a further five times.
- Break yarn, leaving 38cm yarn tail, and thread through 3 sts to fasten off.

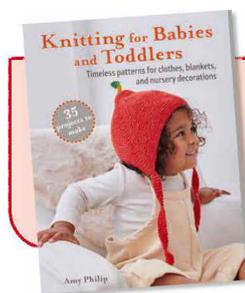
APPLE LEAF
ALL SIZES

Cast on 3 sts using longtail method, 3.25mm needles and 64cm length of green yarn.

- Row 1** K1, yo, K1, yo, K1. [2 sts inc: 5 sts]
- Row 2** K to end (K into back of yo sts).
- Row 3** K to end.
- Row 4** Ssk, k to last 2 sts, K2tog. [2 sts dec: 3 sts rem]
- Row 5** K to end.
- Row 6** Ssk, pass K st over to cast off.
- Break yarn, leaving 38cm yarn tail.

FINISHING

- Using B, sew the Apples to the pocket fronts.
- Using the brown yarn tail, sew the Apple Stalk in place.
- Sew the Apple Leaf in place using the green yarn tail.
- Using a crochet hook, crochet a chain loop on one side of the back neck opening. Sew the button onto the other side of the back neck opening to match the loop. Weave in all ends. ●



BUY THE BOOK!

This gorgeous pattern comes from the book 'Knitting for Babies and Toddlers' (£14.99) by Amy Philip, published by CICO Books.

STEP-BY-STEP KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK



1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.



2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left-hand one and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.



3 Wrap the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.



4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.



TAKE A BREAK

Pop the kettle on and take a moment to relax with our puzzles this month – it's just for fun!



CHILL OUT WITH A CROSSWORD

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FIND AND UNSCRAMBLE THE KEY WORD!

ACROSS

- 1 Down payment (7)
- 5 Spectacles (7)
- 9 Backbone (5)
- 10 Long-running kids TV programme (4,5)
- 11 Substance that is neither solid nor liquid (3)
- 12 Bird of prey (5)
- 13 Air --- One, the US presidential plane (5)
- 14 Spicy tomato dip (5)
- 16 Cylinder of yarn (6)
- 18 Chess piece (6)
- 19 Skewered meat dish (5)
- 22 Man-made polyamide fibre (5)
- 24 Aptitude, talent (5)
- 26 Chair support (3)
- 27 Exclude from a society or group (9)
- 29 Church instrument (5)
- 30 Type of cake icing (7)
- 31 Condition characterised by lack of red blood cells (7)

DOWN

- 1 *Grand ---*, TV programme showcasing amazing homes (7)
- 2 Gym shoes (9)
- 3 Utensil for straining (5)
- 4 Trinidad and ---, Caribbean nation (6)
- 5 Measure of the number of stitches in one inch of fabric (5)
- 6 Serpent (3)
- 7 Indian stringed instrument (5)
- 8 Doctor trained to perform operations (7)
- 13 Group of sheep (5)
- 15 Fruit of the oak tree (5)
- 17 Sweet substance for chewing and blowing (6,3)
- 18 Technique for ending a column of stitches - US (4,3)
- 20 Garden plant with brightly coloured flowers (7)
- 21 Device for taking photographs (6)
- 23 Ancient language (5)
- 24 Hard grey rock used in walls (5)
- 25 Variety of Spanish wine (5)
- 28 Country house cooker (3)

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Key word PUMPKIN

25 Rioja, 28 Aga. gum, 18 Bind off, 20 Begonia, 21 Camera, 23 Latin, 24 Flint, 5 Gauge, 6 Asp, 7 Sitar, 8 Surgeon, 13 Flock, 15 Acorn, 17 Bubble, 31 Anaemia. **Down** 1 Designs, 2 Pilmsoils, 3 Sieve, 4 Tobago, 22 Nylon, 24 Flair, 26 Leg, 27 Ostracise, 29 Organ, 30 Fondant, 12 Eagle, 13 Force, 14 Salsa, 16 Bobbin, 18 Bishop, 19 Kebab, **Across** 1 Deposit, 5 Glasses, 9 Spine, 10 Blue Peter, 11 Gas.

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Passionate about colour combinations and Fair Isle, Sophie has 40 knitting years under her belt.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

CONTINENTAL CHOICE

Q I think it's time I switch over to continental style knitting at last! How should I go about making the transition?

f Linda Beard

That's an exciting challenge, Linda. Continental knitting has a lot of benefits and can really level up your knitting. Simply put, continental knitting is just a different way of holding the yarn as you work. You'll have the yarn in your left hand rather than your right, which enables you to pick up the yarn rather than 'throwing' it over the needle, English-style. This reduced movement

means the process is much speedier and can be a lot gentler on your hands and wrists. Just like when you first learnt to knit, it will take a little while for your tension to settle and become even. This change will be noticeable if you switch part way through a large project, and can be problematic with garments as correct tension is key in order to make your chosen size. We'd recommend plenty of practice with continental knitting first. Try a smaller project with a lot of plain stockinette stitch to start with. You may find that your tension with continental remains significantly tighter or looser than when you knit English style. Just adjust your needle size accordingly to meet the tension you need for your project. You can find a handy step-by-step guide to continental knitting on

our website www.gathered.how/knitting-and-crochet/knitting/how-to-knit-continental-style. **Cory**



Try continental knitting if you're after a style that's easier on your joints

DESIGN DESIRE

Q I'd love to start designing my own project, but I want to do it properly, and don't know where to start.

f Han Lee

Designing your own knitting patterns can be so rewarding. Here are our top tips!

1 Get inspired and define your style by looking at various sources such as nature, fashion, art, or existing patterns.

2 Draw your designs Putting your ideas down on paper will help you to develop an understanding of garment structure, and how you want the item to look.

3 Learn about yarn Getting up close with your yarn options will set you apart as a

designer. Cast on with all the different types of yarn to get a better understanding of each yarn's individual characteristics.

4 Boost your skill set Knowing a lot of stitches and techniques will give you that edge when it comes to creating.

5 Knit a sample first Once you've done all your research, start with a smaller version of your project. This prototype will help you uncover any issues with your design, and allows for experimentation. Make notes!

6 Write clear and concise patterns Use your notes to write your pattern instructions, making sure they are easy to follow. Include information on materials, gauge, sizing, and any special techniques used. **Sophie**



You'll soon be designing great knits (like Doris here) if you follow our tips

TENSION MATTERS

Q I'm quite new to knitting and am struggling to get my tension to stay even. Is there a particular way I should be holding the yarn?

f **Cameron Reynolds**

The route to even tension is practice, practice, practice! Wobbly tension is totally normal for beginners, we've all been there. Some of the reasons your tension may not have settled yet is if you are making any changes in how you are holding your yarn and needles. If you have altered the way you are wrapping or gripping the yarn with your fingers, variations in the angle of your needles can affect your stitches. To prevent gapping in your stitches, try knitting with your needles held close together and keep the stitches near the tips of your needles.

There's also a couple of yarny accessories you might like to try that could help with your tension. How about using a yarn bowl? It's a solid curved dish designed with little notch especially for guiding your yarn. The idea is you pop your ball of yarn into the bowl, feed the working end through the notch and get knitting. Your yarn will be neatly contained (less tangles and rolling on the floor!) and it will flow to your hands much more smoothly. In a similar vein, a yarn ring could help provide a more

consistent tension. Worn on a finger of your yarn-holding hand, with your working yarn threaded through a special loop, you can knit away without worrying about how you are gripping the yarn. We hope this helps.

Cory



Steady yarn flow is key to getting the perfect tension

HAND-DYED DELIGHTS

Q Whenever I travel or go to a yarn show, I like to pick up a skein of local hand-dyed yarn if I can find it. I now have quite a large collection and I don't know what to make with it all! Any recommendations for single-skein 4ply projects? **f** **Melissa Henderson**

Yarny souvenirs are the best kind, aren't they? You have a creative keepsake to remind you of your trip, and you're supporting local indie dyers too! What a lovely idea. And we're pretty sure you're not the only one with a few too many single skeins lurking in your stash, Melissa. With special yarns like that we knitters sometimes worry about it being 'too nice' to use and get caught in a never-ending search for the perfect pattern – something worthy of a fancy fibre or colourway. There's extra pressure if it was one of a kind or particularly expensive.

If you feel ready to get making with your souvenir skeins, the best project is always the one you love the most. Perhaps one that stops you in your tracks as you're scrolling the 'Hot right now' list on Ravelry because you can't wait to wear it or know immediately who it would make the perfect gift for. Accessories are the obvious choice for a skein of 4ply, but deciding what to make with yours largely depends on the kind of projects you like to work on and the fibre. A superwash wool with nylon is a natural option for socks, whereas something silky will have wonderful drape for a shawl. A pair



Socks in a hand-dyed yarn make the ultimate gift knit

of fingerless mitts with pretty texture is ideal for your favourite colours.

Some of our favourite one-skein patterns for showing off a special skein are: Winwick Mum's Hidden Gem socks from our issue 225 sock supplement and Martina Behm's classic sawtooth Hitchhiker scarf – both available on Ravelry. They're equally impressive, but just pared back enough to let the yarn shine. **Jen**



GUEST EXPERT

FAYE PERRIAM-REED

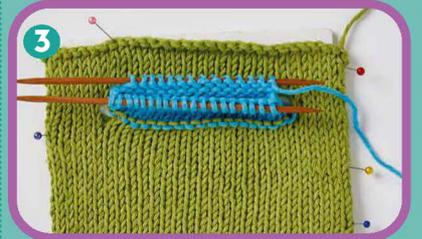
ADD AN AFTERTHOUGHT POCKET TO YOUR KNIT

1 Locate where you'd like the top of your pocket to be. Count how many stitches wide you want it to be. Cut the yarn in the middle of this space. Don't cut where the top corner of the pocket will be, as there won't be enough yarn to weave the ends in. Unravel the yarn each side of the cut until the pocket is the width you'd like. This is the pocket opening.

2 Pick up the new stitches formed by the unravelled yarn over three double-pointed needles (DPNs), with the bottom stitches over one needle and the top stitches split over two needles. There will always be one stitch less on one side than the other.



3 With a new ball of yarn, purl across the bottom needle of stitches (to create a fold line) then begin knitting in the round.



4 Continue knitting in the round until the pocket is the desired length. Finish by working a three-needle cast-off to join both the top and bottom rows of knitting. There will be one stitch left when you reach the end – cast it off by itself.

5 Tidy up the pocket's corner holes with a few darning stitches when weaving in your yarn ends.



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YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
1 ball each of
Yarn A Sunshine (1114)
Yarn B Lapis (1831)
Yarn C Cream (1005)
Yarn D Black (1002)
Yarn E Graphite (1063)
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Stitch holder
- 2 stitch markers or scraps of yarn

- 1 pair of 12mm black safety eyes
- 30cm bamboo hoop
- Stuffing
- Short length of fishing line or nylon thread

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

11cm (4¼in) wide and 32cm (12½in) tall for parrot only

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft on 01484 848435 or www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Wool and Crafts 01455 238768 or www.woolandcrafts.co.uk



MACAW WALL HANGING MACAW FRONT

Cast on 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [4 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, K2, kfb. [6 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Kfb, K4, kfb. [8 sts]

Rows 6 to 8 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 9 Kfb, K6, kfb. [10 sts]

Rows 10 to 12 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 13 Kfb, K8, kfb. [12 sts]

Rows 14 to 16 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 17 Kfb, K10, kfb. [14 sts]

Rows 18 to 20 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 21 Kfb, K12, kfb. [16 sts]

Rows 22 to 42 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

Mark the last row – this is the top of the tail.**

Row 43 Skpo, K4, (kfb) 4 times, K4, k2tog. [18 sts]

Row 44 Purl.

Row 45 K4, (kfb, K2) 3 times, kfb, K4. [22 sts]

Rows 46 to 52 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 53 K7, kfb, K6, kfb, K7. [24 sts]

Rows 54 to 58 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

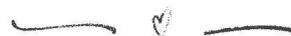
Row 59 Kfb, K22, kfb. [26 sts]

Rows 60 to 76 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 77 Skpo, K22, k2tog. [24 sts]

"This colourful knitted macaw will certainly add a pop of colour hanging in your home, as well as bringing some quirky charm to your decor – definitely a talking point!"

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



Row 78 Purl.

Row 79 Skpo, K20, k2tog. [22 sts]

Row 80 Purl.

Row 81 Skpo, K3, (k2tog, K1) 3 times, k2tog, K4, k2tog. [16 sts]

Rows 82 to 84 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 85 Kfb, K14, kfb. [18 sts]

Rows 86 to 90 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 91 Skpo, K14, k2tog. [16 sts]

Row 92 Purl.

Row 93 Skpo, K12, k2tog. [14 sts]

Row 94 Purl.

Break yarn and leave these stitches on a stitch holder until later.

MACAW BACK

Cast on 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Work as given for Front to **.

STEP-BY-STEP SKPO SLIP 1, KNIT 1, PASS SLIPPED STITCH OVER



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if to knit, but instead slip the stitch on to the right-hand needle.



2 Knit the next stitch as normal.



3 Insert the point of the left-hand needle into the slipped stitch on the right-hand needle and lift it over the knitted stitch.



4 Continue knitting as directed in the pattern. This decrease forms a slant that slopes towards the left.

Row 43 Kfb, K14, kfb. [18 sts]
Row 44 Purl.
Row 45 Kfb, K16, kfb. [20 sts]
Row 46 Purl.
Row 47 Kfb, K18, kfb. [22 sts]
Row 48 Purl.
Row 49 Kfb, K20, kfb. [24 sts]
Rows 50 to 76 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.
Row 77 K2tog, K20, k2tog. [22 sts]
Rows 78 to 80 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.
Row 81 K2tog, K18, k2tog. [20 sts]
Rows 82 to 90 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.
Row 91 Kfb, K18, kfb. [22 sts]
Row 92 Purl.
Row 93 Kfb, K20, kfb. [24 sts]
Row 94 Purl.

Proceed to work across the Macaw Back on the needles and then Macaw Front on the stitch holder, joining them together as follows.

Row 95 K24, k2tog, K10, k2tog. [36 sts]
Row 96 Purl.
Row 97 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end. [30 sts]
Row 98 Purl.
Row 99 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end. [24 sts]
Row 100 Purl.
Row 101 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. [18 sts]
Row 102 Purl.
Row 103 *k2tog; rep from * to end. [9 sts]
 Break yarn and thread through remaining sts. Pull tight to fasten.

- 1 With the WS together, fold so that the Macaw Front is on the Macaw Back and pin the two marked rows together. Sew the row-end edges together from the fastened-off end down to the marked rows.
- 2 With the marked rows uppermost, open out the knitting so that the wrong side of the marked rows are exposed. Working in just the back loops, stitch the two marked rows together. This is the top of the tail and will close the body off from the tail. Using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges of the tail together.
- 3 Using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges down the open side of the head to the bottom of the neck and stop. Starting from the top of the tail, sew the row-end edges up towards the neck, leaving a gap.
- 4 Stuff the Macaw, leaving the gap open for the safety eyes later.

FACE

Cast on 48 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (RS) (K5, k2tog) twice, k2tog, (K4, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, K5) twice. [40 sts]
Row 2 P10, (p2tog) twice, P12, (p2tog) twice, P10. [36 sts]
Row 3 K3, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K1, (k2tog) twice, K1, k2tog, K4, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K3. [28 sts]
Row 4 (P1, p2tog) 3 times, (P2, p2tog) 3 times, (P1, p2tog) twice, P1. [20 sts]
Row 5 K2tog, *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [13 sts]
Row 6 P1, *p2tog, P1; rep from * to end. [9 sts]
 Break yarn and thread through remaining sts. Pull tight to fasten.

- 1 Keeping the work flat, bring the row-end edges around to meet to make a rough oval shape. Using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges together.
- 2 With the seam you have just sewn downwards, pin and sew the Face to the centre front of the Macaw's head so that about a quarter of the Face is above the colour change line of the main Macaw body.





BEAK

Cast on 24 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K2tog, K8, (k2tog) twice, K8, k2tog. [20 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K2tog, K6, (k2tog) twice, K6, k2tog. [16 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 **Cast off** 3 sts, K2, (k2tog) twice, K6. [11 sts]

Row 8 **Cast off** 3 sts, P7. [8 sts]

Row 9 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [4 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Break yarn and thread through remaining sts. Pull tight to fasten.

1 With WS together, pin and sew row-end edges together, then stuff.

With the seam you have just sewn downwards, flatten the Beak.

2 Pin and sew the Beak with the seam downwards to the centre front of the Face so that the bottom of the Beak rests on the centre bottom of the Face.

3 Push the two safety eyes through the face to line up with the colour change line of the main head, and so that the other edge of the eye rests on the edge of the face. Attach the safety eye backs.

4 Sew the gap in the Macaw body seam closed.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [4 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Kfb, K2, kfb. [6 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 **Cast on** 2 sts to the LH needle, K8. [8 sts]

Row 6 **Cast on** 2 sts to the LH needle, P10. [10 sts]

Row 7 Knit.

Row 8 P4, (pfb) twice, P4. [12 sts]

Row 9 **Cast on** 2 sts to the LH needle, K14. [14 sts]

Row 10 **Cast on** 2 sts to the LH needle, P16. [16 sts]

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 P7, (pfb) twice, P7. [18 sts]

Rows 13 to 18 Starting with a RS knit row work st st.

Row 19 Kfb, K16, kfb. [20 sts]

Rows 20 to 24 Starting with a WS purl row work st st.

Row 25 K9, (kfb) twice, K9. [22 sts]

Rows 26 to 40 Starting with a WS purl row work st st.

Row 41 K9, k2tog, skpo, K9. [20 sts]

Row 42 Purl.

Row 43 K8, k2tog, skpo, K8. [18 sts]

Row 44 Purl.

Row 45 *Skpo, K5, k2tog; rep from * to end. [14 sts]

Row 46 P2tog, P3, (p2tog) twice, P3, p2tog. [10 sts]

Row 47 Knit.

Row 48 *P2tog; rep from * to end. [5 sts]

Break yarn and thread through remaining sts. Pull tight to fasten.

With WS together, sew the row-end edges together. With the seam you have just sewn facing forwards, sew the Wings to either side of the Macaw's body.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (RS) Sl1, K9.

Row 2 Sl1, P9.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 another 2 times.

Row 7 **Cast off** 4 sts, K5. [6 sts]

Row 8 **Cast off** 4 sts, P1. [2 sts]

Row 9 **Cast on** 4 sts to the LH needle, K6. [6 sts]



Row 10 Cast on 4 sts to the LH needle, P10. [10 sts]

Row 11 Sl1, K9.

Row 12 Sl1, P9.

Repeat Rows 11 and 12 once more.

Row 15 Sl1, K9.

Cast off.

1 With the work lying flat with the WS up you will have a chunky 'H' shape. Fold the starting cast-on edge into the centre and sew this edge to the cast-off edges of Rows 7 and 8. Sew a row of running stitches at each end of the toes and draw up to close.

2 In a similar way, fold the final cast-off edge into the centre and sew this edge to the cast-on edges of Rows 9 and 10. Sew a row of running stitches at each end of the toes and draw up to close.

You should have two rolls of knitting that are joined in the middle. Put Feet to one side until the Legs are made.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn E.

Rows 1 to 4 Starting with a RS knit row work st st.

Row 5 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [4 sts]

Break yarn and thread through remaining sts. Pull tight to fasten.

1 With WS together, sew the row-end edges together. Stuff lightly. With the Feet RS up, sew the open cast-on edge of one Leg to the centre-top of one Foot each.

2 With the Macaw laying down, rest the Legs on the bottom of the body so that the back toes are even with the ridge at the top of the tail where you had marked the rows. Evenly space the Legs, pinning into place, and sew the Legs to the Macaw body.

HOOP FIXING BAND

Cast on 7 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 3 Knit.

Cast off.

Wrap the knitted strip around the top of the hoop so that the row-end edges meet and sew into place.

HOOP FINIAL

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [16 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting with a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 5 *K2tog, rep from * to end. [8 sts]

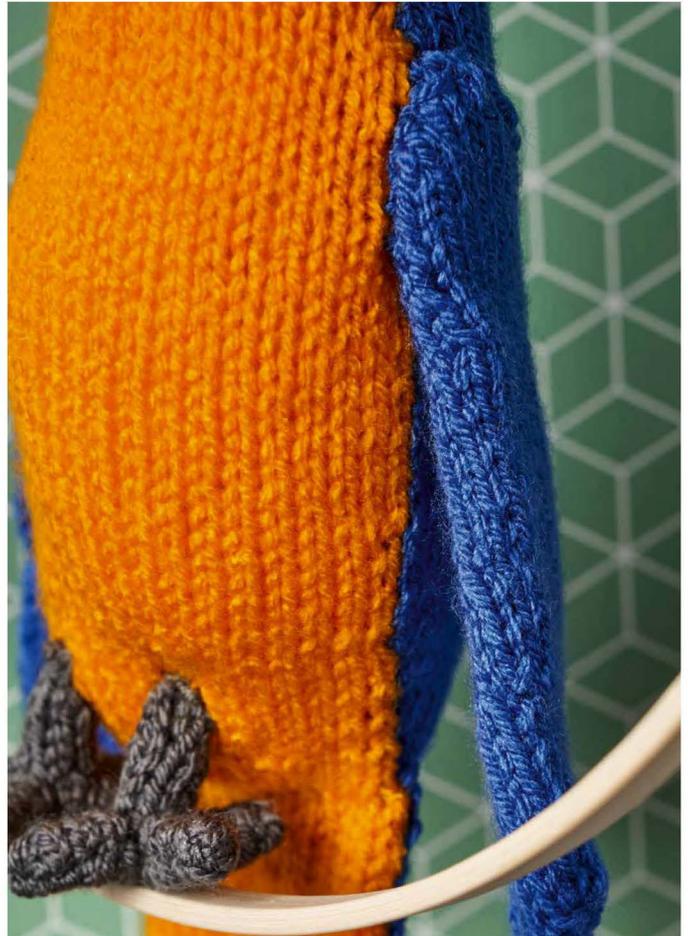
Break yarn and thread through remaining sts. Pull tight to fasten.

1 With WS tog, sew along the row-end edges, stuffing as you go.

2 With the open cast-on edge downwards, sew the Finial to the top of the Hoop Fixing Band using a long length of Yarn A, bringing the needle and tail of yarn up through the centre top of the Finial. You can use this to hang the hoop up or you can sew a split metal ring to the top of the Finial to hang the hoop.

FINISHING

Attach a length of fishing line to the underside of the Hoop Fixing Band and then sew the other end of the fishing line to the drawn-up point at the centre of the Macaw's head. You're aiming to suspend your Macaw so that the feet sit on the lower part of the hoop. When it's in the right place, tie a knot in the fishing line to secure. You may notice that the fishing line is causing a peak on the top of the head, counteract this by threading the line into a needle, sewing the line down through the head and bringing it out in the back of the Macaw. Pull it firmly to pull the peak down; secure the fishing line and trim. ●



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* TARTAN T-SHIRT



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Terrazzo (DK, 70% recycled mulesing free wool, 30% recycled viscose, 50g/175m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A 4mm crochet hook

TENSION

21 sts x 31 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

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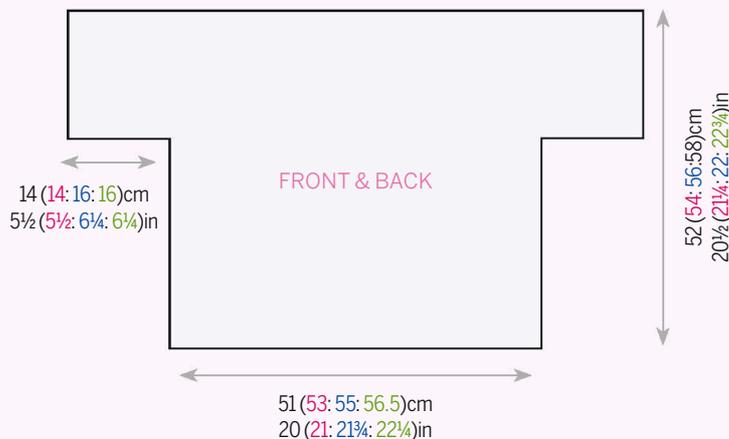
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TARTAN T-SHIRT STITCH PATTERNS

SEED STITCH

Worked over an odd number of sts.

Row 1 (RS) (K1, P1) to last st, K1.

Row 2 As Row 1.

SEED STITCH

Worked over an even number of sts.

Row 1 (RS) (K1, P1) to end.

Row 2 (P1, K1) to end.

Notes Once you have finished your knitting, the columns of purl stitches on the body will be filled in with stitches made with a crochet hook, vertically. You start on the bottom of your work and you work your way up to the neck. Use crochet chain sts through your work on every horizontal purl stitch 'bar'. It will look just as if you knitted it but it's actually a crochet stitch. When changing colours for horizontal stripes, leave Yarn A hanging, don't break it.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L	XL
TO FIT BUST	cm	87	91	95	99
	in	34¼	35¾	37½	39
ACTUAL BUST	cm	102	106	110	113
	in	40¼	41¾	43¼	44½
LENGTH	cm	52	54	56	58
	in	20½	21¼	22	22¾
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	14	14	16	16
	in	5½	5½	6¼	6¼
YARN		Scheepjes Terrazzo DK (50g/175m)			
Yarn A Prosecco (744)		4	4	4	5
Yarn B Oro (703)		1	1	1	1
Yarn C Mandarino (715)		1	1	1	1
Yarn D Olivia (707)		1	1	1	1
Yarn E Lago (738)		1	1	1	1
Yarn F Rosa (723)		1	1	1	1
Yarn G Corallo (713)		1	1	1	1
Yarn H Cremisi (719)		1	1	1	1
Yarn I Espresso (717)		1	1	1	1

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off

**BACK AND FRONT (BOTH ALIKE)**

Cast on 96 (100: 103: 107) sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 8 Work in Seed Stitch.

Row 9 K5 (7: 5: 7) (P1, M1, P1, K5) 13 (13: 14: 14) times, K0 (2: 0: 2).

[109 (113: 117: 121) sts]

Row 10 P5 (7: 5: 7) (K1, P1, K1, P5) 13 (13: 14: 14) times, P0 (2: 0: 2).

Row 11 K5 (7: 5: 7) (P1, K1, P1, K5) 13 (13: 14: 14) times, K0 (2: 0: 2).

Row 12 As Row 10.

Join Yarn B.

Rows 13 and 14 As Rows 11 and 12, using Yarn B.

Cut Yarn B and use Yarn A again.

Rows 15 to 18 As Rows 11 and 12, twice.

Join Yarn C.

Rows 19 and 20 As Rows 11 and 12, using Yarn C.

Cut Yarn C and use Yarn A again.

Rows 21 to 24 As Rows 11 and 12, twice.

Join Yarn D.

Rows 25 and 26 As Rows 11 and 12, using Yarn D.

Cut Yarn D and use Yarn A again

Rows 27 to 30 As Rows 11 and 12, twice.

Join Yarn E.

Rows 31 and 32 As Rows 11 and 12, using Yarn E.

Cut Yarn E and use Yarn A again

Rows 33 to 36 As Rows 11 and 12, twice.

Join Yarn F.

Rows 37 and 38 As Rows 11 and 12, using Yarn F.

Cut Yarn F and use Yarn A again

Rows 39 to 42 As Rows 11 and 12, twice.

Join Yarn H.

Rows 43 and 44 As Rows 11 and 12, using Yarn H.

Cut Yarn H and use Yarn A again



Rows 45 to 48 As Rows 11 and 12, twice.
Join Yarn I.

Rows 49 to 50 As Rows 11 and 12, using Yarn I.
Cut Yarn I and use Yarn A again

Rows 51 to 54 As Rows 11 and 12, twice.
Repeat Rows 13 to 54 until piece meas 29 (31: 33: 35)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row. You should just have completed your 14th (15th: 16th: 17th) stripe.

Make a note of which row you end on, so that you can match this for the second piece.

SHAPE SLEEVES

Cast on 26 (26: 30: 30) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.
[161 (165: 177: 181) sts]

Continue in pattern for another 70 rows, thus ending after the 12th stripe since you began the sleeves and after a WS row.

NECK AND SHOULDERS

Next row (RS) Knit to end in Yarn A.

Rib row 1 (P1, K1) to last st, P1.

Rib row 2 (K1, P1) to last st, K1.

Rep last 2 rows once more and then Rib row 1 again.

Cast off loosely in rib.

INTERIM MAKING UP

Join the shoulders using your preferred method, leaving the centre 50 sts unjoined for neck opening.

CROCHET

The next part is making all the vertical lines. Work lines of crochet chain stitch through each vertical line of 'bars' left by the purl stitches. Crochet one chain over the first bar, through your knitted work and come back in front of you to work with the loop, again over the next horizontal bar, another chain through your work and the yarn comes back in a loop, loop this through your previous loop in front of your work, and so on. Working from left to right, work your first stripe with Yarn F, your next with Yarn G, then Yarns H, I, B, C, D, E. After you've completed your Yarn E stripe, work the same stripe sequence again, until you reach the end of your T-shirt. It's optional to crochet until the last stitch (over the border).

SLEEVE BORDERS

Pick up and knit 76 sts around the sleeve opening.

Work in seed st for 9 rows and **cast off**.

Join sleeve and side seams. Weave in all ends. Block gently to measurements, following yarn care instructions on ball band. ●

STEP-BY-STEP PICK UP AND KNIT



1 Holding the piece of knitting you are going to pick the sts up from in your left hand, and starting at the top-right corner, insert the right-hand needle between the first two stitches of the row.



2 Wind your yarn around the needle and 'knit' the first stitch...



3 ...And pull the new stitch through between the two stitches.



4 Continue to work like this along the row or until you have picked up the necessary amount of stitches. Try to space your stitches evenly.

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CABLE CAST-ON METHOD Use it for a firm edge, and when adding stitches to your work



1 Make a slip knot. Insert right-hand needle into the stitch as if to knit. Wrap the yarn around the point and pull through, slipping the stitch on to the left-hand needle.



2 Push the point of the right-hand needle between the first and second stitches. Wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the right-hand needle.



3 Pull the loop out with the right-hand needle, then slip it over the tip of the left-hand needle. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you have the number of stitches you require.

THUMB CAST-ON METHOD A great all rounder, use it to cast on stitches quickly and easily



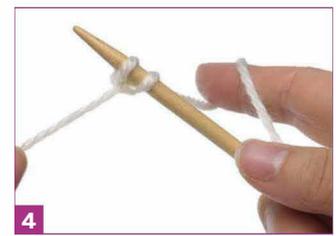
1 Make a slip knot and place it on a needle, leaving a long tail. The tail length depends on the number of stitches you wish to cast on. Try a length about 3 times the width of the project.



2 Hold the tail in your left hand with your thumb sticking up. Make a circle anti-clockwise with your thumb. You should end up with a cross on the front of your thumb.



3 Push the needle tip along the outside of your thumb so it passes through the loop. Wrap the working yarn as if to knit.



4 Draw the yarn through the thumb loop and then between the arms of the cross. Slip your thumb out and pull to tighten the stitch. Repeat from Step 2.

KNIT Follow our simple steps to make the most important stitch you'll learn



1 Hold the needle with the stitches on it in your left hand. Keeping the yarn in your right hand and at the back of your work, insert the point of the right-hand needle up into the front loop of the first stitch, as shown.



2 Now wind the yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the right-hand needle using your index finger. It's important to keep the yarn in your right hand relatively taut to maintain an even tension as you go.

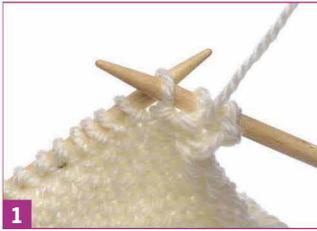


3 Bring the right-hand needle down through the loop, making sure that you catch the yarn you wound around the needle. This creates the stitch. Don't pull the free yarn too tightly, let out some slack.



4 Push the point of the right needle further through the stitch you created, then gently pull the right needle up and to your left, taking the original loop with it. You've created one knit stitch. Repeat Steps 1 to 4 across the row.

PURL To make purl stitches, just reverse the action of plain knit stitches



1 Holding the needle with all the stitches on in your left hand, and ensuring that the yarn is at the front of your work, insert the right-hand needle up through the front loop of your first stitch as shown.



2 Wind the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle from right to left, in an anti-clockwise motion, constantly keeping a slight tension on the yarn.



3 Now slip the right-hand needle back through the stitch, ensuring that you catch the yarn that you've already wound around the needle. This creates a stitch on your right-hand needle.



4 Pushing the point of the right-hand needle a little further through the stitch, pull the original loop up and off the left-hand needle. That's your first purl stitch! Repeat Steps 1 to 4 across the row.

CAST OFF Finish off your knitting with this straightforward cast-off technique



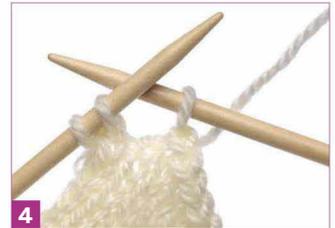
1 Start by knitting the first two stitches of the row as normal, but don't go any further along as you usually would.



2 Insert the left-hand needle through the first stitch, as shown. Lift this stitch over the other stitch on the right-hand needle and over the needle point.



3 Knit another stitch so you have two on the right needle. Lift the first stitch over the second, then repeat Steps 1 to 3.



4 When you get to the last stitch, cut the yarn about 15cm (6in) away, feed it through the loop and pull through firmly to fasten off.

ABBREVIATIONS AND USEFUL INFO

alt alternate
approx approximately
beg beginning
b&t (break and tighten) break off the yarn and thread the end through the st(s) left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the st(s) together
C4B slip next 2 stitches to cn and hold at back, K2; K2 from cn
C4F slip next 2 stitches to cn and hold at front, K2; K2 from cn
cb cable back
CC contrast colour
cf cable forward
cn cable needle
cont continue
dec decrease(ing) (by working two stitches together)
DK double knitting
DPNs double-pointed needles
fol/s following/follows
g st garter stitch (knit every row)
inc increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)
K/k knit
kbfb knit into the back, front and back of the next st [inc 2 sts]
kfb knit into front and back of stitch
kwise knitwise; by knitting the stitch
k2tog knit the next two stitches together
k(1)tbl knit (1) into back loop
LH left hand
LT left twist
meas measure(s)
M1 make one stitch by knitting into back of loop between two stitches

M1L (left leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop
M1R (right leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front. Knit lifted loop through front of loop
M1P make one purlwise by purling into back of loop between two stitches (increase 1 stitch)
MB make a bobble
MC main colour
mrk marker
P/p purl
PB place bead
pfb purl into front and back of stitch
PM place marker
P2tog purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
P3tog purl 3 stitches together (2 stitches decreased)
prev previous
pssso pass slipped stitch(es) over
p(1)tbl purl (1) into back of the loop (purlwise) by purling the stitch
pwise remain/remaining
rem repeat(s)
rep(s) repeat(s)
rev st st reverse stocking stitch
RH right hand
rib2tog either k2tog or p2tog dep on what next stitch in ribbing should be (keeps ribbing looking neat on buttonholes)
rnd(s) round(s) (on a circular needle/DPNs)
RS right side

RT right twist
s2kpo slip 2 stitches, K1, pass both slipped stitches over (2 stitches decreased)
skpo slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch decreased)
sk2po slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over (2 stitches decreased)
sl slip
sl st slip stitch
SM stitch marker
ssk slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
ssp slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together through back loops (1 stitch decreased)
st(s) stocking stitch
st st through the back of the loop
tbl slip next stitch to cn and hold at back, K1; P1 from cn
T2B slip next stitch to cn and hold at front, P1; K1 from cn together
T2F wrong side
tog with yarn in back
WS with yarn in front
wyib yarn to the back
ybk yarn forward
yfwd yarn over
yo yarn round needle
yrn yarn over needle
yon work instructions immediately following *, then repeat as directed

NEEDLE SIZES

UK	METRIC	US
14	2mm	0
13	2.25mm	1
–	2.5mm	–
12	2.75mm	2
11	3mm	–
10	3.25mm	3
–	3.5mm	4
9	3.75mm	5
8	4mm	6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	8
5	5.5mm	9
4	6mm	10
3	6.5mm	10½
2	7mm	–
1	7.5mm	–
0	8mm	11
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"I always like learning new things or improving my skills. Continental knitting is next on my list to master."



Cory Sydee
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"I started doing the provisional cast on over either a spare needle cable or stitch holder cord. It makes getting stitches back on the needle so much easier."



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TOP NOTCH

This garter stitch collar has a playful bouclé texture. By **Becca Parker**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- World of Wool Hoop Bouclé (DK, 75% mohair, 20% wool, 5% nylon; 50g/110m)
1 ball of Bluejay
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Two 3.5mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)

TENSION

18 sts and 36 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter st using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

MEASUREMENTS

10cm (4in) x 44cm (17½in) at widest point without ties

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists contact World of Wool on 03300 564888 www.worldofwool.co.uk



COLLAR WITH BOW

Note The collar is worked flat from the top down. Stitches are picked up and knitted for the i-cord ties.

COLLAR

Cast on 62 sts using 4mm needles.

Rows 1 to 4 Knit. [62 sts]

Row 5 K1, M1, (K15, M1) 3 times, K1. [66 sts]

Row 6 K1, M1, (K16, M1) 3 times, K1. [70 sts]

Row 7 K1, M1, (K17, M1) 3 times, K1. [74 sts]

Row 8 K1, M1, (K18, M1) 3 times, K1. [78 sts]

Row 9 Knit.

Repeat Row 9 until work measures 10cm from cast-on edge.

Cast off loosely. Fasten off and weave in ends.

TIES (MAKE 2)

One tie is added to the top of each short edge. They are worked as i-cords.

Using 3.5mm DPNs, pick up 2 sts at the top of one short edge.

Row 1 K1, M1, K1. Do not turn. [3 sts]

Slide the stitches to the other end of the needle and continue.

Row 2 Knit. Do not turn.

Slide the stitches to the other end of the needle and continue.

Rep Row 2 until tie measures 30cm in length.

Fasten off and weave in ends. ●

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Welcome to Fairytland

Create a whimsical fairy house and charming fairies
with our delightful knitting pattern collection

5
fun-to-knit
patterns!



“Dreamy knits make great gifts!”

By Sachiyo Ishii

Welcome to Fairyland

"There's plenty of room for creativity in this project. Unleash your imagination and craft a variety of fairies and flowers in different colours"

SACHIYO ISHII, DESIGNER



Hello!

Welcome to
Fairyland – it's such
a delightful place...

Our extra pattern collection this month features a gorgeous knitted fairy house four charming fairies named Daisy, Cosmos, Pansy, and Dandelion and four pretty flowers. Each fairy is lovingly designed with intricate details and pastel colours, bringing a touch of magic to your knitting this month. Whether you're an experienced knitter or just starting, these patterns will inspire your creativity and bring joy to your crafting. We hope you enjoy making this sweet characterful playset as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you.

Happy knitting!

Sophie

Sophie Jordan
Deputy Editor

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*“Open the door onto a new
knitting adventure...”*





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- World of Wool Fluff

DK (100% wool,
50g/115m)
1 ball of each

Yarn A Velvet Mousse
(97)

Yarn B Powder Puff (76)

Yarn C Scatter Cushion
(26)

Yarn D Bobble Hat (57)

Yarn E Egg Nog (04)

Yarn F Bath Bubble
(01)

Yarn G Spa Slipper
(84)

Yarn H Momma Bear
(18)

Yarn J Oven Muffin (12)

- A pair of 3mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- 3mm crochet hook
- Stitch holder
- Toy filling
- 4 pairs of mushroom-shaped amigurumi eye beads, 4mm
- All-purpose sewing needle
- Cotton thread
- Lightweight floral wire
- Cardboard
- 25mm and 45mm

pompom makers

- Liquid glue
- Pliers
- Pink pastel crayon or cosmetic

TENSION

23 sts and 31 rows
to measure 10x10cm
(4x4in) over st st using
3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

House 23cm (9in) tall

Fairies 12cm (4¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79
in *Simply Knitting* mag

TOP TIP

For an easy pompom tutorial, head over to www.gathered.how. Search 'how to make a pompom'.

WHERE TO BUY

- For stockists, call World of Wool 03300 564888, or www.worldofwool.co.uk

Not suitable for children under three years old due to small parts.

FAIRY PLAYSET

Notes If you don't have pompom makers, use a fork to make smaller pompoms and cardboard circles to make larger pompoms. Leave long ends at the beginning and end for sewing. Sew seams with RS facing and using mattress stitches unless instructed otherwise.

FAIRY HOUSE

MAIN BODY

Start at base.

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (K1, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K1) 3 times. [18 sts]

Row 3 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 4 (K2, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K2) 3 times.

[24 sts]

Row 6 (K3, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K3) 3 times.

[30 sts]

Row 8 (K4, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K4) 3 times.

[36 sts]

Row 10 (K5, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K5) 3 times.

[42 sts]

Row 12 (K6, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K6) 3 times.

[48 sts]

Row 14 (K7, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K7) 3 times.

[54 sts]

Row 16 (K8, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K8) 3 times.

[60 sts]

Row 18 (K9, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K9) 3 times.

[66 sts]

Row 20 (K10, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K10) 3 times.

[72 sts]

Row 21 Purl.

Row 22 (bottom edge) Purl.

Rows 23 to 49 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 50 (K10, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, k10) 3 times. [66 sts]

Row 51 and foll WS rows Purl.

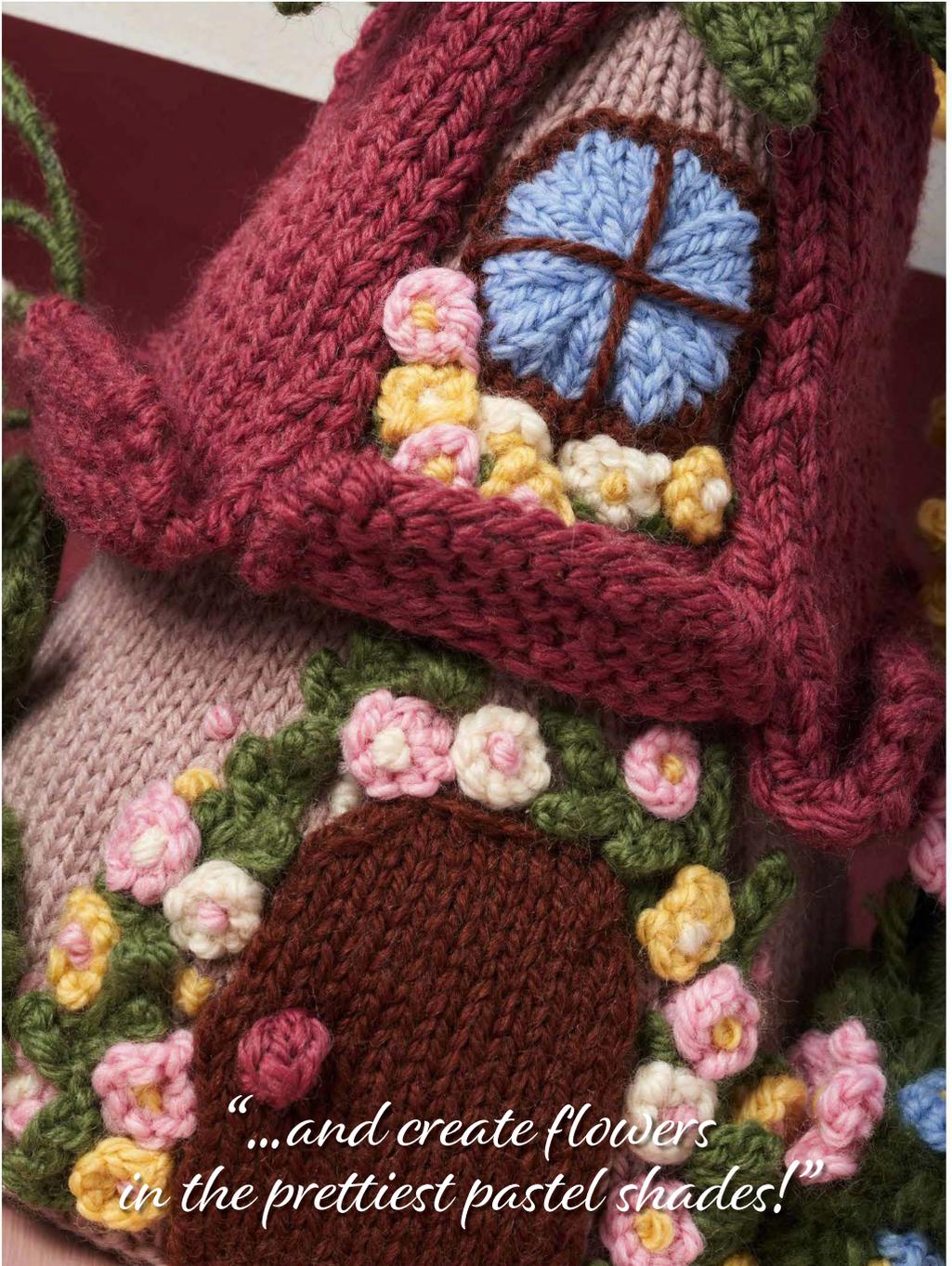
Row 52 (K9, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, K9) 3 times.

[60 sts]

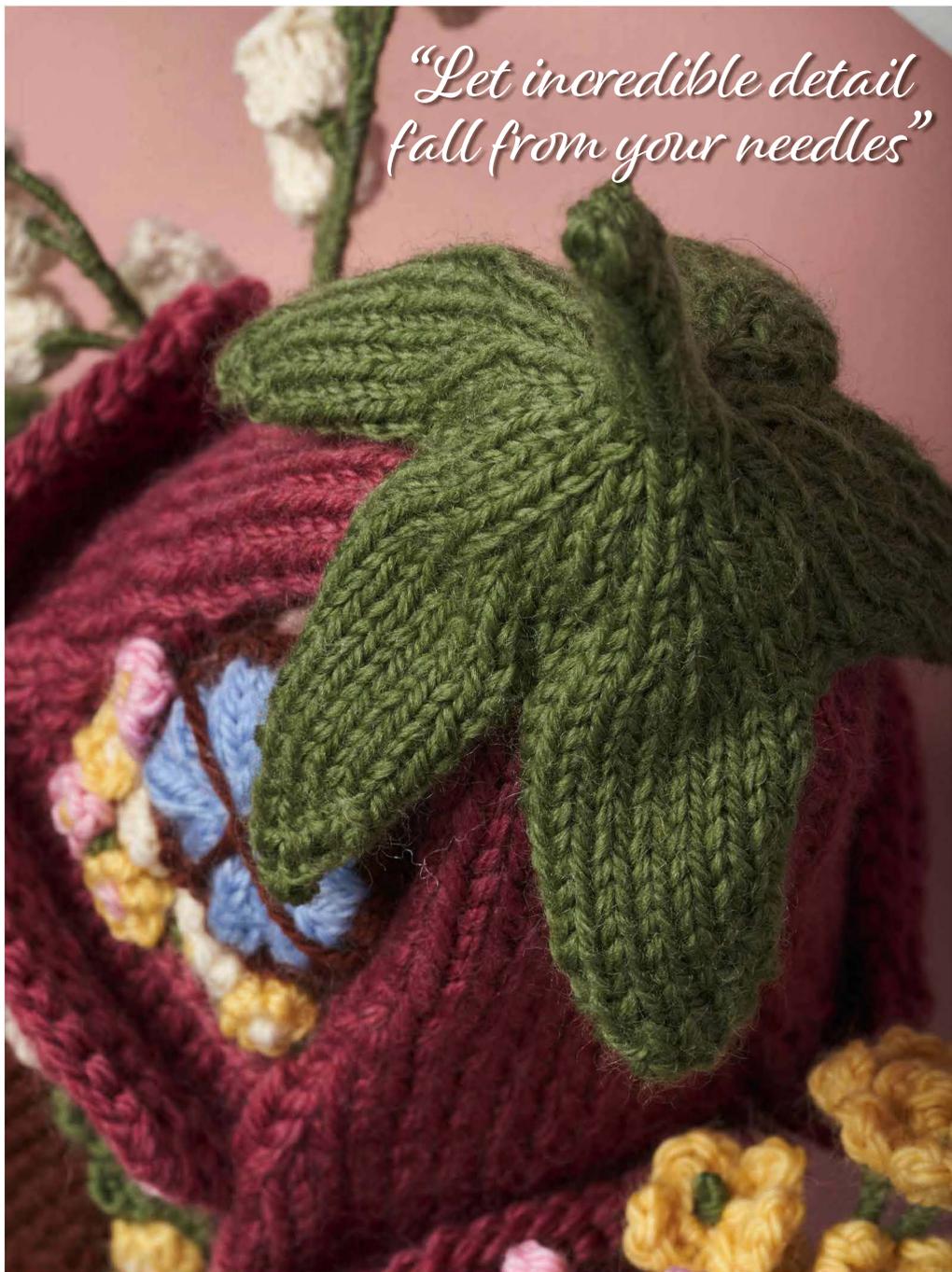
Row 54 (K8, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, K8) 3 times.

[54 sts]

Row 56 (K7, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, K7) 3 times.



*“Let incredible detail
fall from your needles”*



[48 sts]

Rows 57 to 65 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 66 (K6, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, K6) 3 times. [42 sts]

Rows 67 to 73 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 74 (K5, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, K5) 3 times. [36 sts]

Rows 75 to 79 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 80 (K4, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, K4) 3 times. [30 sts]

Rows 81 to 85 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 86 (K3, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, K3) twice. [24 sts]

Rows 87 to 89 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 90 (K2tog) 12 times. [12 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

ROOF PETALS (MAKE 4)

Start at base.

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B HELD DOUBLE.

Row 1 (RS) K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. [2 sts inc'd]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 Rep Row 1. [14 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Rows 5 to 14 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 15 K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]

Rows 16 to 20 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 21 Rep Row 15. [10 sts]

Rows 22 to 34 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 35 Rep Row 15. [8 sts]

Cast off.

FRONT CENTRE ROOF PETAL

Work as given for Roof Petals until Row 10 has

been worked.

Cast off.

ROOF LEAVES

Start at tip.

****Cast on** 2 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) twice. [4 sts]

Row 3 and all WS rows Purl.

Rows 4, 6 and 8 K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

Rows 9 to 19 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Break yarn and leave these 10 sts on a holder. Rep from ** 4 more times to create 5 leaves in total.

With RS facing, return all 50 held sts to 3mm needles.

Row 20 (RS, joining) *K3, (k2tog) twice, K3; rep from * 4 more times. [40 sts]

Row 21 and all WS rows Purl.

Row 22 (K2, k2tog) 5 times, (k2tog, K2) 5 times. [30 sts]

Row 24 (K3, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, K3) 3 times. [24 sts]

Row 26 (K2tog) 12 times. [12 sts]

Row 28 (K1, k2tog) twice, (k2tog, K1) twice. [8 sts]

Rows 29 to 37 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 38 K2tog, (K1, k2tog) twice. [5 sts]

Rows 39 to 40 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

WINDOW

Cast on 40 sts with 3mm needles and Yarn H.

Break Yarn H and join Yarn D.

Row 1 (RS) (K2, k2tog) 5 times, (k2tog, k2) 5 times. [30 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (K1, k2tog) 5 times, (k2tog, K1) 5 times. [20 sts]

Row 4 Purl.



Row 5 (K2tog) 10 times. [10 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

DOOR

Cast on 14 sts with 3mm needles and Yarn H.
Rows 1 to 17 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 18 (RS) K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Row 19 Purl.
Row 20 Rep Row 18. [10 sts]
Row 21 P2tog, P1, pass 2nd st on RH needle over first, **cast off** all sts to last 2 sts, p2tog, pass 2nd st on RH needle over first and fasten off.

DOORKNOB

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (WS) (P2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

FLOWERS FOR WALL (MAKE MANY)

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D, E, F or G.
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

DOOR LEAVES

Using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (RS) ***Cast on** 4 sts, **cast off** 3 sts purlwise (1 loop rem on RH needle); rep from * 11 more times (12 leaves made).
Fasten off.

LILY OF THE VALLEY FLOWER (MAKE 8)

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.
Row 1 (WS) *P2, S1l; rep from * to end.
Row 2 *K2, S1l; rep from * to end.
Row 3 Rep Row 1.
Row 4 Knit.
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

LILY OF THE VALLEY LEAF (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (WS) Purl.
Row 2 K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [8 sts]
Rows 3 to 16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 17 P to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1. [1 st dec'd]
Row 18 K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [1 st dec'd]
Rows 19 to 20 Rep Rows 17 to 18. [4 sts]
Row 21 [P2tog] twice.
Pass second st over first and fasten off.

LARGE SPRAY FLOWERS (MAKE MANY)

With crochet hook and Yarn E or G, *make 5 chain, insert hook into first chain, yarn around hook, pull through both loops; rep from * 4 more times. Fasten off.

SPRAY LEAF

Work as given for Lily of the Valley Leaf.

LARGE POMPOM FLOWER (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn G, work as given for Large Spray Flowers.

SMALL POMPOM FLOWER (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn D, work as given for Flowers for Wall.

MAKING UP HOUSE

1 With fastened-off yarn end of Main Body, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it

up tightly. Sew base seam as far as bottom edge.
2 Place a cardboard circle that matches base size into bottom of Main Body. Sew seam halfway and stuff. Thread Yarn A and insert needle from Body opening, bring it out at centre of base and pierce base back and forth to flatten it. Close remaining Body seam.

3 Attach Roof Petals, starting with 2 side petals, then 2 back petals and then Front Centre Petal, using photo as a guide.

4 Attach Window and embroider lines in a cross shape to denote windowpanes.

5 With fastened-off yarn end of Roof Leaves, sew seam and insert stuffing. Attach Roof Leaves to top of house.

6 Attach Door and Doorknob to house.

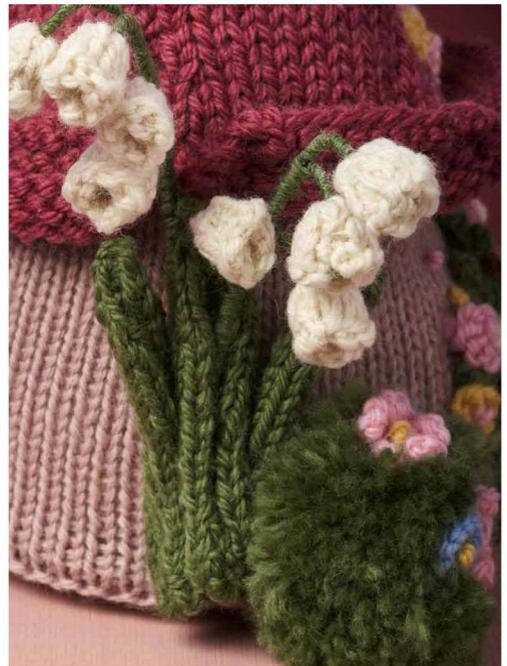
7 Attach Door Leaves around Door and add Flowers around Door and Window, embroidering contrasting French knots at centre of each flower.

8 Embroider leaves beneath Window.

9 With Yarn C, make two 45mm pompoms and attach one to each side of house. Attach Large and Small Pompom Flowers to the pompoms, working contrasting French knots in the centres.

10 To create Lily of the Valley, start by cutting a 5cm length of floral wire and bend one end to create a small loop. Wrap loop with a knitted Flower, securing it tightly with yarn end. Attach Flower to wire by threading it through loop and sewing Flower seam. Next, knot a length of Yarn C and pierce Flower centre, pulling yarn through. Wrap wire with yarn, occasionally applying liquid glue to prevent slipping. Repeat for second Flower, combining its stem with first. Continue joining flowers as desired. Wrap Leaf around wire stems and secure it. Finally, attach stem to side of house.

11 To create Flower Spray, prepare wire as for Lily of the Valley and wrap loop end with Flower. Secure Flower using yarn end and stitch Flower ends tog. Join Yarn C and wrap wire while periodically applying glue. Combine stems by wrapping the wires tog. Attach Leaf at base of Flowers. Secure Flower stems to house.





FLOWER FAIRY

BASIC BODY (MAKE 1 IN EACH OF YARNS B, D, E AND G)

Start at base.

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 K2, (kfb, K2) 6 times. [26 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (bottom edge) Purl.

Rows 7 to 20 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 21 (P2tog) twice, (P2, p2tog) 5 times, p2tog. [18 sts]

Break Yarn B/D/E/G and join Yarn F.

Rows 22 to 27 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 28 (neck) (K1, k2tog) 3 times, (k2tog, K1) 3 times. [12 sts]

Break Yarn F and join Yarn J.

Row 29 Purl.

HEAD

Row 30 (K1, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K1) 3 times. [18 sts]

Rows 31 to 35 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 36 K3, (k2tog, K1) 4 times, K3. [14 sts]

Rows 37 to 39 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 40 P2, (p2tog, P2) 3 times. [11 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

ARM (MAKE 2 PER FAIRY)

Cast on 12 sts with 3mm needles and yarn to match skirt.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (K1, k2tog) twice, (k2tog, K1) twice. [8 sts]

Row 3 (cuff) Knit.

Break yarn and join Yarn J.

Row 4 K1, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K1. [6 sts]

Rows 5 to 9 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st. Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

MAKING UP FAIRY

1 With fastened-off yarn end of Body, sew Head seam as far as neck. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Sew base seam and Body seam leaving a gap for stuffing. Stuff Body, avoiding overfilling neck area. Close rem seam.

2 With yarn colour to match skirt, work a gathering thread along waist and draw thread gently to shape.

3 Using Yarn F, work a gathering thread along neck and draw it up tightly.

4 Seam each Arm and attach to Body without stuffing.

5 With Yarn J, embroider a French knot for nose.

6 Attach 4mm eye beads.

7 Using Yarn E or H, embroider long backstitches to cover Head. Leave loops at sides of face every other stitch. To create long hair, cut loops and tie hair at sides of face or make plaits.

8 Colour cheeks with pink pastel crayon.

FLOWERS FOR THE FAIRIES

PINK COSMOS PETALS

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn G.

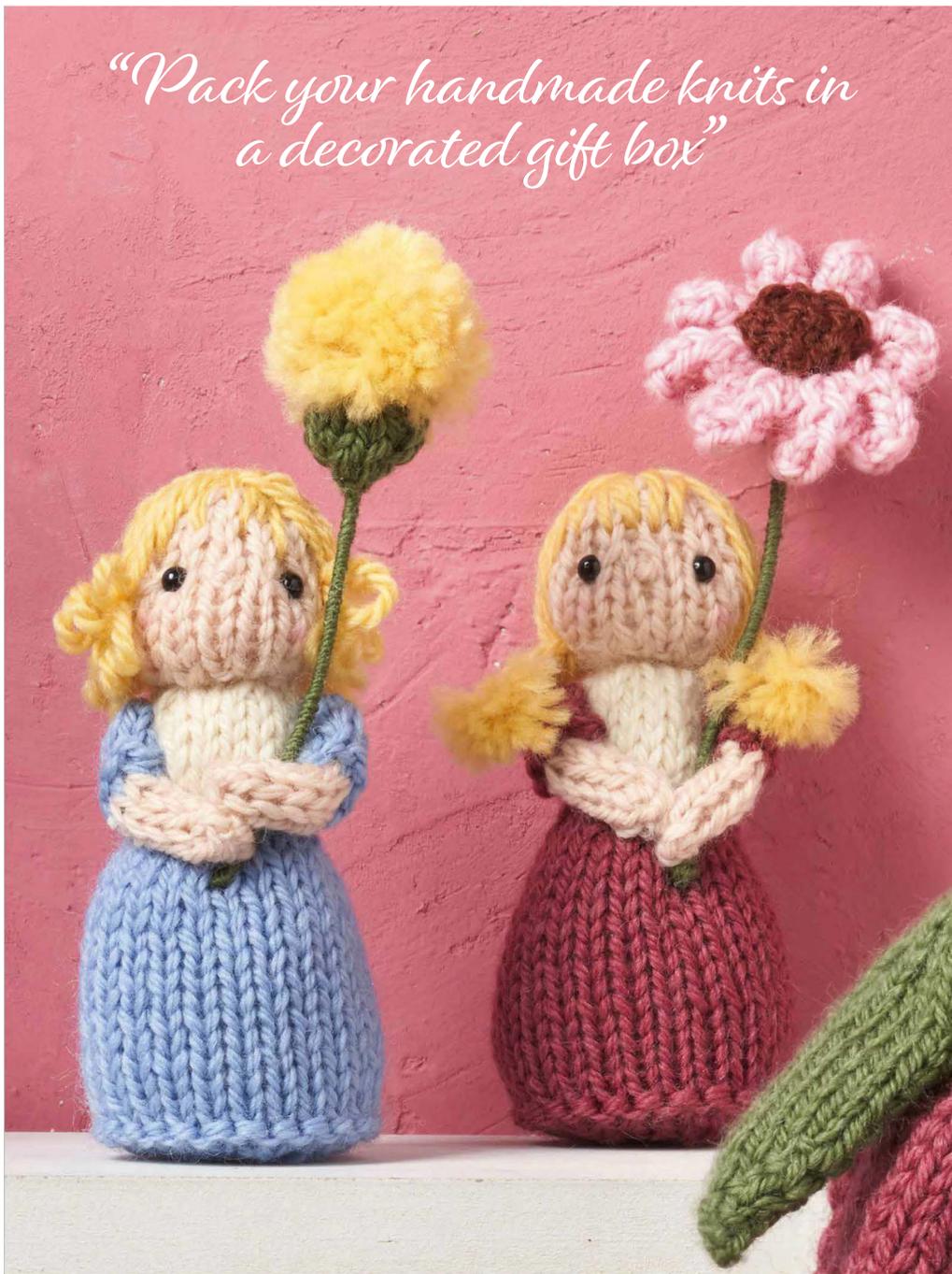
Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) 8 times. [16 sts]



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****Row 3** P2, turn, leaving rem sts on hold. Cont on this set of 2 sts only.

Rows 4 to 17 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st. After final row, do not turn and leave these 2 sts on RH working needle. Do not break yarn.

Rep from ** 7 more times, creating 8 petals in total. After final petal has been made, turn work.

Row 18 (join) Working across all sts, (k2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

PINK COSMOS CENTRE

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

PINK COSMOS RECEPTACLE

The Receptacle is the back of the Flower. Work as given for Pink Cosmos Centre using Yarn C. Leave a finishing end.

MAKING UP

1 With fastened-off yarn end of Flower, stitch sides of petals tog. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. With fastened-off yarn end of Centre, sew seam and attach Centre to Flower.

2 Cut a 10cm length of floral wire and bend one end to form a loop. Wrap loop with Receptacle yarn end and secure it to Receptacle.

3 Sew Receptacle seam and attach Receptacle to reverse of Flower. Bring yarn to centre of Receptacle and wrap wire with yarn, intermittently applying glue.

WHITE DAISY FLOWER

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) 8 times. [16 sts]

****Row 3** P1, transfer st back to LH needle and P1 again, make chain in this manner to create 8 chains in total, leaving final loop on RH needle (1 petal made). Do not break yarn.



Rep from ** to create 16 petals in total.

After final petal has been made, turn work.

Next row (K2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

WHITE DAISY CENTRE

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (WS) (P2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

WHITE DAISY RECEPTACLE

Work as given for Pink Cosmos receptacle.

MAKING UP

Make up as given for Pink Cosmos.

PANSY FRONT PETALS

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) 6 times. [12 sts]

****Row 3** P4, turn, leaving rem sts on hold. Cont on this set of 4 sts only.

Rows 4 to 9 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st. After final row, do not turn and leave these 4 sts on RH working needle. Do not break yarn.

Rep from ** twice more, creating 3 petals in total. After final petal has been made, turn work.



Row 10 (join) Working across all sts, (k2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

PANSY BACK PETALS

Cast on 4 sts with 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) 4 times. [8 sts]

****Row 3** P4, turn, leaving rem sts on hold. Cont on this set of 4 sts only.

Rows 4 to 9 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st. After final row, do not turn and leave these 4 sts on RH working needle. Do not break yarn.

Rep from ** once more, creating 2 petals in total.

Row 10 (join) (K2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

PANSY RECEPTACLE

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

MAKING UP

Using fastened-off yarn end of Front Petals, stitch side edges tog. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Flatten piece and sew all side edges tog. Repeat process for Back Petal piece. Place Front Petals on top of Back piece and sew them tog. With Yarn B, embroider lines on Front Petals and work a French knot at centre. Add stem following instructions given for Pink Cosmos.

DANDELION FLOWER

Using Yarn E, make a 25mm pompom.

DANDELION RECEPTACLE

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

Rows 1 to 3 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 4 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

MAKING UP

Prepare wire as for Pink Cosmos. Wrap loop with Receptacle piece and sew seam as far as cast-on edge. Pull yarn end out from centre of Receptacle. Encase pompom Flower and secure to Receptacle. Wrap wire with yarn, intermittently applying glue. ●



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